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Spring rains and high river levels lead to flooding in Minden

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Many homes in Minden have been flooded after strong rains early last week combined with heavy spring run-off to send the Gull River over its banks.

Nearly every spring there is some overflow along the river. But this year the flooding has been worse, in part because of an unusually deep blanket of snow that didn't finally melt until late April.

A section of North Water St. lived up to its name when it became submerged under about 25 centimetres of water and had to be closed off to traffic.

But the most severe flooding is on the other side of town along Anson St.

Judy Hardy was looking forward to getting her yard in shape for the summer after a long winter. But she'd be better off trading in her gardening gear for hip waders.

The house she shares with her husband, Keith, at the corner of Anson St. and McKnight Dr. sits barely above the water line of the pond that used to be her yard.

"I am an island," she said Friday. " ... I'm absolutely surrounded. If I didn't have a deck, I couldn't go outside.

"You think winter's gone. Spring is coming. It's time to get the lawn mower out. But no, it's time to get the boat out."

She and her husband park their car on the one small patch

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Outdoor Education

AN OUT OF CLASS EXPERIENCE: Grade 2 students from Victoria Street School had a treat when they visited Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to take part in their very own ELM Trail on May 7. (Above) Robert Foyster, 7, has netted a big one in the Fish Pond. (Right) Sheldon Matthews, 8, helped collect branches, leaves and other colourful treats for the Nature Weaving station. The program, which coincided with Education Week, gave the high school co-op students the opportunity to practise their leadership skills and work with younger students. And it gave Victoria Street students a chance to get out of the classroom for the day.

High school teachers sign contract

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton's high school teachers have reached a contract settlement with the school board after an outside advisor helped free the two sides from a nearly three-month deadlock.

The new contract, retroactive to September 1, 1996, is essentially a status quo agreement lasting until August 30, 1998.

However, the teachers' union gained two key concessions from the board.

Under the deal, the teachers won't have to take the 2.2 per cent wage rollback the board was seeking.

As well, beginning in September the board has agreed to hire supply teachers on the first day of teacher absence.

Last spring as a cost-cutting step, the board brought in a new policy requiring a teacher to be absent for two consecutive days before a supply would be called in on the third day. In the meantime, teachers are required to give up their designated preparation time to cover for their absent colleagues.

Contract talks between the board and the teachers' union ground to a halt in February, 10 months after the sides first met to work out an agreement for the current school year.

When the board officially declared impasse, the Education Relations Commission appointed lawyer Calum MacLeod as a "fact finder" to examine the causes of the dispute and suggest possible solutions.

It was MacLeod who recommended that the board give up its goal of chopping the teachers' salaries by 2.2 per cent, which he called "the key stumbling block" to a contract settlement.

He also recommended that the

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Lake Kashagawigamog the place to be for fireworks

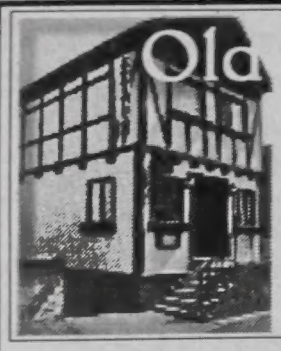
If you want the Victoria Day weekend to sparkle, you may have to buy the sparklers yourself.

Traditionally, the municipality of Dysart et al hosts the holiday weekend fireworks on Head Lake, but for the second year in a row, its good intentions fizzled out when it came to picking up the $5,000 tab. That means there won't be any fireworks in Haliburton village.

However, Wigamog Inn will brighten up the night sky over Lake Kashagawigamog on Sunday night when it hosts its own fireworks display. The show starts at dusk.

Fireworks fans will love the July 1 holiday, when Minden, West Guilford and Dorset celebrate Canada's birthday wth much-loved firework displays.

The Echo will be closed Mon., May 19. The next edition is Wed. May 21. Deadlines remain the same



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Cottager one of Top 40 Under 40

DENNA LAKE cottager Lenna Bradburn was recently chosen as one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40". The award, which "honours tomorrow's leaders today," was presented to her at a gala luncheon in downtown Toronto. Bradburn's parents live in Minden and while her father, Morris, was unable to attend for health reasons, her mother Pat was brimming with pride as she watched her daughter take her place among other younger-than-40 success stories. The April edition of the Financial Post, which highlights the winners in the second annual survey, notes that in 1994, Bradburn became Canada's highest ranking police officer as chief of the Guelph police. "She has set about transforming the Guelph force into a model service," the article says. "She has kept citizens informed about policing issues and solicited their opinions by means of a brochure delivered with Hydro bills. She has softened the rigid structure of the force, eliminating policies that require her officers to salute and refer to her as Chief Bradburn. The result is a police force that better serves the needs of both the citizens of Guelph and its own members. 'As long as I can change things for the better, then I'm happy,' says Bradburn. 'That has always been my goal.'"

Last year, Highlanders responded to an appeal for donations of blood with characteristic enthusiasm. Ironically, because so many people volunteered to give blood, many people left when they saw the long line up. This year, two clinics will be held, so people can choose one or the other – or even go to both. The first is Tuesday, May 27 and the second is Tuesday, July 22, both at the Haliburton Legion hall from 1:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Clinic organizer Andy Salvatori, who's a member of the Haliburton Rotary Club, says volunteers are needed for the second event. If you can help in any way, please contact him at Curry Motors, 457-2100.

Speaking of the Haliburton Rotary Club, at last week's meeting, members voted in favour of donating $5,000 to the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund. As stories elsewhere in this week's paper show, there has been an outpouring of support for those brave Manitobans who have survived the flood of the century.

The Women's Emergency House in Haliburton is asking for the community's help to raise funds for another staff person. SIRCH says that since its opening, the house has been used for 600 nights and has often been full. Volunteers are the "heart of the House" and vital to the success of this model of service. There is one full-time paid co-ordinator to support 33 trained in-house volunteers. It is now necessary to hire additional staff to meet the growing demand for service and to recruit more volunteers, SIRCH says. If community members or groups have fundraising ideas or would like to join the ongoing "foundation of friends", they're asked to phone SIRCH at 457-1742.

Long days. Heat. Endless hours of television. Fights in the hall. Bullies, drug addicts and prostitutes on the street. But if they're lucky, kids from Toronto's poorest neighbourhoods can get away for two weeks at Moorelands Camp near Dorset. The camp, which is run by the Downtown Churchworkers' Association, gives kids the break they need in the summer. This is only possible through constant fundraising, but if money's tight for you, there are other ways you can help. The DCA's recent newsletter has a wish list of items for the camp: balls, balls and more balls; sports equipment; arts and craft supplies; linens; first aid supplies; and health and beauty supplies. If you are in Toronto you can drop off your donations to 388 Carlaw Ave., Suite 300 by June 13 or you can phone 416-466-9987 to make other arrangements.

Guelph Police Chief Lenna Bradburn with her mother Pat, of Minden, at the awards luncheon in Toronto

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

The Bracebridge Mobile Employment Resource Centre will be at the Dorset Community Centre on May 26 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Services include resume and cover letters, job search techniques, interviewing techniques, value of networking, internet job searching and budgeting.

The 15th Spring Craft Show is at the Buckhorn Community Centre on May 17, 18 and 19 starting at 10 a.m.. General admission is $3, seniors and children 7-15 $2 and children six and young free. The show will feature clothing, floral, folk art, stained glass, wood work and other crafts.

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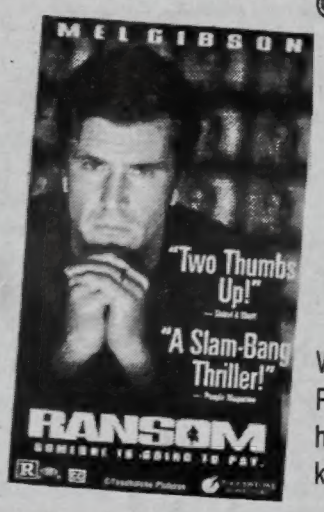

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Employment insurance reform and local jobless rate are among NDP candidate's top issues

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

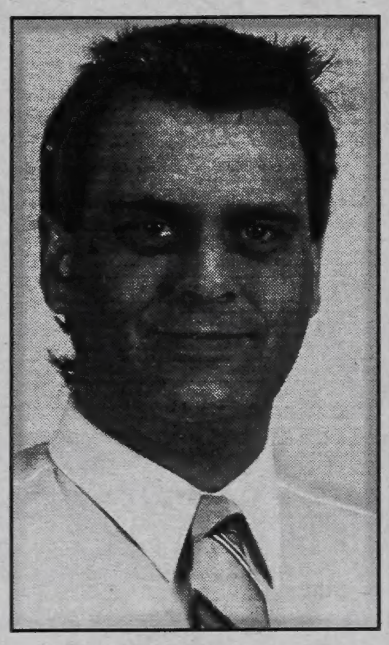
On May 6, the latest federal election candidate formally entered the race to represent the Victoria-Haliburton riding, and he has his sights set on a second place finish.

This is NDP candidate Rick Denyer's first foray into the political arena, and he brings with it a strong connection with the people he wants to represent.

As a truck driver for Brewer's Retail, Denyer is a regular in Haliburton. Back in his hometown of Lindsay he's a board member for the Ross Memorial Hospital, past president and now vice-president of the labour council, former executive council member of the Ontario Federation of Labour, a volunteer firefighter for Lindsay, and he sits on the Children's Service Council in Victoria County.

"I'm working on the ground level with the people, so I know what people's concerns are," Denyer said.

He can relate to the main concerns in this area which are jobs and the Liberal government's cuts to unemployment insurance. He said he wants to eliminate the discrimination against part-time benefits and restore full benefits where workers paid their share into the insurance plan as did the companies they worked for.



NDP's Rick Denyer

"The Liberal government is punishing those people working in seasonal areas. Are they expecting everybody to move to Toronto?" Denyer said. "We'd restore unemployment insurance back to what it was before the Liberal government attacked it."

The unemployment rate is on the rise again to 9.7% up from 9.3%, "and that's not counting Haliburton's 30%," Denyer said. The NDP platform to stimulate job creation is to force large corporations to pay their fair share of the tax burden and use that money to offer loans to small businesses.

Of the more contentious issues on the minds of rural Canadians is Bill C-68, an issue that didn't get a lot of play at the NDP convention which focused attention to urban concerns. But the NDP, who are trying to become the opposition party, say they will make changes to the bill.

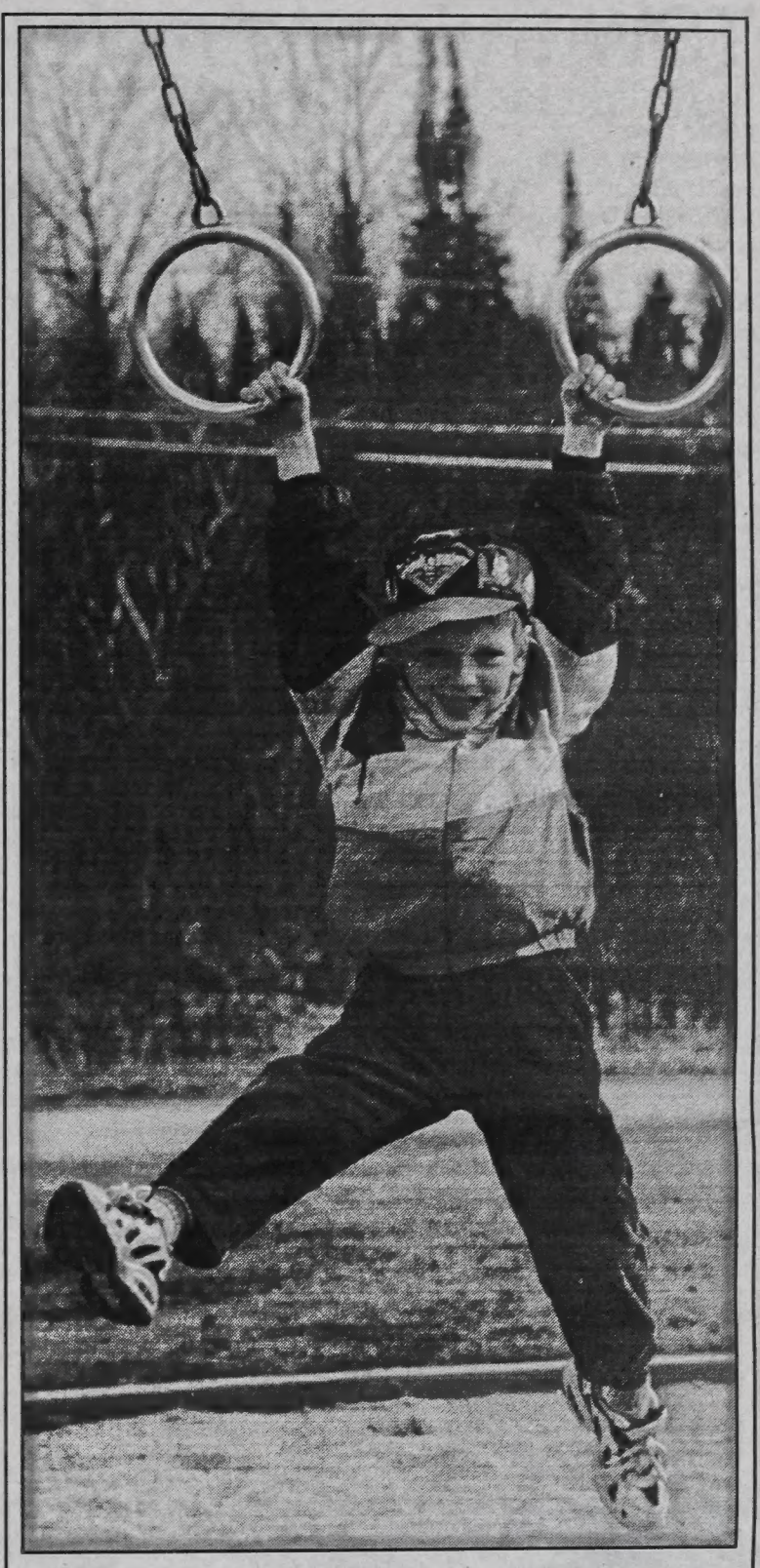
Denyer said he supports phasing in a plan that new gun owners should register their guns.

"As it is, whoever has their FAC licence is registered in the community. You have to have an FAC licence to have a gun," Denyer said. "Bill C-68 is not going to keep the guns out of the criminals' hands. Normally the criminals use illegal weapons anyway."

The NDP similarly doesn't have a strong platform regarding youth violence, but as a member of the Children's Service Council, Denyer supports alternative programs, such as circle sentencing, to punish young offenders.

Used in native communities, the circle is made up of family members, a judge, a lawyer and the victims. The victims speak to the offender who hears, firsthand, the effect of their actions on other people.

The program is designed as an alternative to deal only with non-violent offenders and would force youth to serve out sentences in the community to either repair the damage they've caused or by completing other tasks to better their community.



HANGING AROUND: Last Thursday, Cardiff Elementary School hosted a family barbeque and fun fair to let parents, teachers and students get to know each other a little better in a relaxed atmosphere. Here, Zachary Metzger works up his appetite by playing on the playground rings.

Election Roundup

A compendium of weekly campaign events leading up to the federal election on June 2

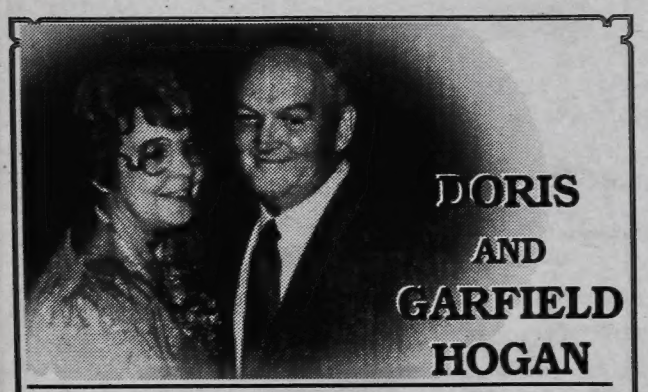
• Two all-candidates meetings have been scheduled in the county. The Minden Times is hosting a debate on May 21st at 7:30 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre. The Haliburton District Real Estate Board and the Haliburton County Echo are sponsoring a debate on May 26 at 7:30 p.m. at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School. For those in north Victoria, there's an all-candidates meeting in Fenelon Falls at the high school on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 p.m.

• If you will be absent for the June 2 election and the advance polls on May 23, 24 and 26, you can ask for an Application for Registration and Special Ballot. There are two applications: one for Canadians away from their electoral districts, available from all returning officers or by calling Elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868; and another for Canadians in their electoral district but unable to go to the polling stations, available only from the elector's own returning officer. (For Victoria-Haliburton, the returning office is at Kent Place Mall in downtown Lindsay.) The applications for Canadians away from their electoral districts can also be downloaded from Elections Canada's Internet site at http://www.elections.ca. The deadline to register is May 27.

• Liberal MP John O'Reilly has opened his campaign office at 1 Russell Street East, Lindsay, K9V 1Z7. The phone number is 705-878-0577 or 1-800-770 4632. The fax is 705-878-3722. The e-mail is joreilly@election.-liberal.ca. The web page is http://www.liberal.ca/joreilly.

• PC Lorne Chester's campaign office is at 14 Lindsay St. North in Lindsay, K9V 4S3. The phone number is 1-888-PCLORNE or 705-324-5560. The fax is 705-324-5477 and the web page is http://www3.sympatico.ca/lorne.chester.

• The Reform campaign office is at 55 Angeline St. N. in Lindsay, K9V 5B7. The phone number is 705-878-1785. The fax is 705-277-3727 and e-mail is pdunn@lindsaycomp.on.ca.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of grass that is above water right beside the house.

Their dog doesn't even get that privilege.

"There's nowhere for our poor dog to go out in the yard. He has to do his business on the deck."

So far the couple has managed to keep the inside of the house dry by having their sump pump running non-stop.

"If we had a power failure, we'd have a whole basement full of water."

Mrs. Hardy said she and her husband knew their lot was within the flood plain when they built their house eight years ago.

However, she feels the Trent Severn Waterway, which controls the level of the Gull River, should do something to reduce the river's flow.

"I'm so angry at those people. They just tell you there's nothing they can do and that you shouldn't have built along the river ... You try to make your property look nice and then you have to put up with that."

The TSW has removed all of the logs in its dam south of Minden at Moore Falls in an attempt to draw water out of the upper lakes that feed into the Gull River, said water control engineer Bruce Kitchen.

Some lakes are already at or above capacity, and rising. That means there is the potential for flooding, if they aren't lowered.

"We're running water on the Gull from the top lakes on down to try to ensure that if there is more rain, there isn't a serious flood," said Kitchen. "Our best defence against a severe flood is to run more water now, even if it means a bit of inconvenience to people along the river."

Slowing the flow along the river would only shift the flooding problem higher up, he said.

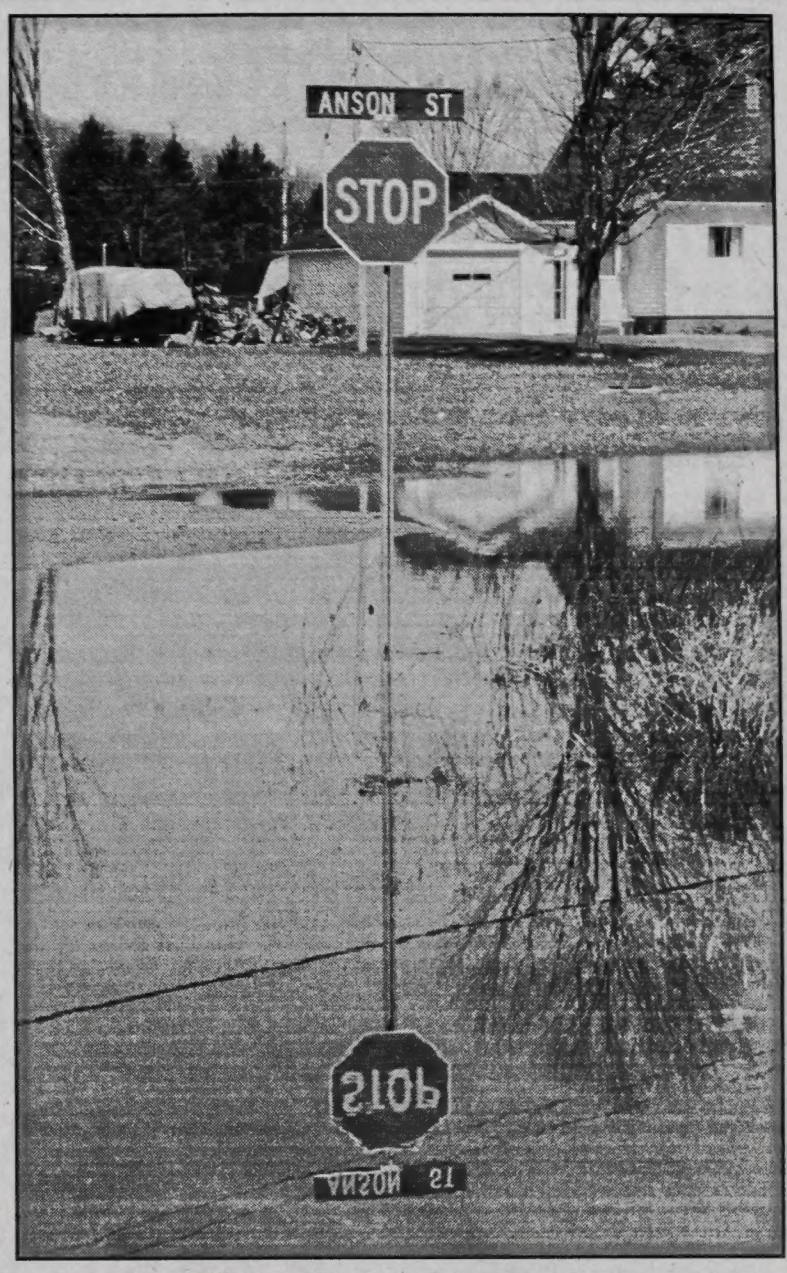
Kitchen speculated the high water in Minden could last for another week or two since levels on some of the upper rivers continue to creep upward.

A heavy downpour last weekend added to run-off from the high volume of snow that remained on the ground until late last month.

On Saturday, nearly 30 millimetres of rain fell in the Highlands, followed by another 20 mm through the week.

Gary Foster is one of the fortunate residents on North Water St. whose lot and house are high enough to escape the flooding.

"This is the worst I've seen it in the 11 years I've been here," he said Thursday morning, while looking at the river. "Now we've got three days of rain that are supposed to be coming. I'm a little worried that the water will get up this far."



WHERE'S THE ROAD? The Gull River is flooding its banks, causing many headaches for residents and drivers on Anson, above, and North Water, at left, streets in Minden.

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Plea to help flood victims swells among generous students at J. Douglas Hodgson

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

A three-day fundraising effort by J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School students for the Manitoba flood victims was anything but a washout.

An impressive $226.37 was raised by Grade 8 students Michelle Russell and Laura Kennedy whose Canadian Geography and History group was studying the province of Manitoba. Fellow classmate Liane Dron, whose group was studying Saskatchewan, had the idea to collect money from the class to aid Manitobans.

The idea swelled and soon Russell and Kennedy were travelling to each classroom with signs explaining the flood to students.

Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of fellow students and teachers, after only three days they deposited their grand total at the CIBC to be transferred to a Canadian Red Cross account.

A special congratulations to JDHES Grade 3 students whose pennies added up; they gave the most money of both schools.

A FLOOD OF DONATIONS FOR MANITOBA: Grade 8 teacher Diane Dron with student Liane Dron, CIBC's Laurie Curry, and students Laura Kennedy and Michelle Russell raised $226.37 for flood victims in Manitoba.

People can drop off donations for flood victims at Stedman's

Stedman's V & S Department Stores in Haliburton and Minden are shipping care packages free of charge to assist flood victims in Manitoba.

Cotter Canada is coordinating the transportation of these donations which must be packaged in cardboard containers. Cotter totes, either plastic or cardboard, must not be used.

Mark "Flood Relief" in bold lettering on the boxes as well as an indication of what the box contains. No perishable foodstuffs should be donated.

Final pick ups will be made during the week of May 26.

Halimar Lodge has a proud history

A few weeks ago, an article about Halimar Lodge in the Toronto Sun caught the eye of George Bottomley, who used to own the Lake Kashagawigamog resort. Although he now lives in Palm Springs, California, Mr. Bottomley has always kept a keen interest in the Highlands.

He writes: "This property was owned by Mr. Charlie Carnegie, a carpenter, who constructed a lodge building and four small cabins, which he rented out. In 1944 we purchased the property from him, continuing to prepare for opening as a family resort. We named it Halimar – an euphonious blending of Hali and Mar to establish connection with the town of Haliburton. In 1950 we sold the property to Bruce and Marion Henry."

The lodge's motto was "Holiday at Halimar – the lodge that caters to you."

Health Unit to protect children from second-hand smoke

The local Board of Health has passed a resolution calling on municipalities to enact a by-law which would prohibit smoking in all public places to which children have a right of access, whether alone or accompanied by an adult.

"Children must be protected from the hazards of involuntary exposure to second-hand smoke," says Dr. Alex Hukowick, Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

Children, particularly young ones, are especially sensitive to the adverse effects of second-hand smoke. Research has established that second-hand smoke has a significant number of negative health effects, ranging from coughing to lung cancer and premature death.

"We believe that this proposed by-law will provide a common ground between smokers, non-smokers and restaurateurs, so that our communities will not experience the polarization that has happened in other communities," said Dr. Hukowich.

It is hoped that municipalities in the district will enact by-laws in the near future.

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Shad Valley, Trent University and Bark Lake join forces

Shad International, the not-for-profit organization that administers the award winning Shad Valley program, has joined forces with Trent University and Bark Lake to establish a new joint campus opening this summer called Bark Lake Trent.

Shad Valley is a science and technology program with an entrepreneurial focus offered each summer since 1981 to Canada's best and brightest high school mathematic and science students. It is the winner of the 1997 Nova Corporation Global Best Award for business/education partnerships and the promotion of science literacy for the world of work. The program is also the 1996 winner of a Michael Smith Award for Science Education.

"This is an opportunity for Shad Valley to offer our students something unique by taking advantage of Bark Lake's pristine setting," said Dr. Jack Pal, president of Shad International, which has also won an award from the Conference Board of Canada for its contribution to business/education partnerships.

Dr. Magda Havas, associate professor of Environmental and Resource studies at Trent University in Peterborough, will be co-program director along with David Swan who is currently completing his doctorate in engineering at the University of Waterloo.

During the month of July students will spend one week living on campus at Trent and three weeks at Bark Lake. During that time, they will participate in an environmentally focused curriculum developed by Dr. Havas and Swan. "Bark Lake has a wide variety of ecosystems that make it ideal for study," Dr. Havas said. "We plan to start a species inventory this year complete with photographs. Everything will be placed on a database that will be readily accessible."

Another part of the program will look at the hydrology of the area, charting the movement of water from one ecosystem to another.

"We also intend to take an ethical perspective on how decisions are made that affect our environment. We'll look at the entrepreneurial perspective and bring in speakers from the native community to give their views," Dr. Havas explained.

Bark Lake's program manager, Liz Fowler, will be in charge of the recreational activities.

Bark Lake is the former Bark Lake Leadership Centre that was operated for almost 50 years by the province until sold to private interests in May, 1996.

During August, students are provided with a work-term by their sponsoring company or government agency. Shad Valley is supported through the purchase of sponsorships by more than 180 Canadian businesses and government agencies. These organizations select the students they wish to sponsor from a short list supplied by the program.

For more information, contact Shad International: Phone (519) 884-8844, Fax: (519) 884-8191, Email: info@shad.ca Website: http://www.shad.ca For more information about the Bark Lake/Trent program contact: Dr. Magda Havas (705) 748-1232, Liz Fowler (705) 447-2447.

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Teachers win concessions from board

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board go back to calling in supply teachers immediately during teacher absence.

All of MacLeod's recommendations were incorporated in the new agreement between the teachers and the board.

Walter Tose, president of Haliburton division of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, said it is a relief to see the contract dispute finally settled.

"This will hopefully give us job security going into amalgamation" with Victoria and Muskoka in January, Tose said.

"I would hope going into amalgamation with a two-year contract gives them more stability than going into it with nothing," echoed board chairwoman Cheryl Murdoch.

But while the teachers made gains in two important areas, they also made a concession that financially benefits the board.

Traditionally, the board determines how many teachers it needs for the coming school year in May, based on projected enrolment figures for the end of the September.

Under the new contract, the board will set its projected enrollment date at the end of October.

Because there is usually a small drop in student population between September and October, the change translates to savings equivalent to approximately one teacher's salary for the board.

However, since enrolment is going up at HHSS, the step means the board would be in the position of hiring one less teacher rather than laying someone off.

In the classroom, the new count date will translate to a slightly higher overall pupil per teacher ratio, said Tose.

REACHING OUT:

In response to three young men killing themselves, a suicide prevention committee springs to life. It calls upon the entire community to work together

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Ross Fogwell knew something was seriously wrong when a co-worker showed up at his house drunk one night, urging him to take the tools he used every day on the job.

Now a Coboconk area minister, Fogwell didn't know then what he knows now about suicide. But even still, he was able to figure out his friend was in a pretty bad state.

Through some careful questioning, he learned the man was seriously planning to take his own life.

However, Fogwell was able to convince his friend to re-consider his decision that night and eventually seek the help that keeps him alive to this day.

That was the first suicide that Fogwell helped prevent; but it wasn't the last.

After three young men in Coboconk and Norland killed themselves within a short span of time two years ago, Fogwell and several other volunteers in the northern end of Victoria County got together to confront the problem.

They formed a suicide prevention committee which educates the public about suicide and offers help to those considering killing themselves.

Last week members of the group spoke at a suicide awareness seminar in Haliburton, organized by the District Health Council Suicide Task Force and the Mental Heath Planning Group of Haliburton County.

The case of Fogwell's co-worker contains several ingredients that are common to many suicides or suicide attempts:

- the victim's behaviour and actions were seen as a sign of his intention to kill himself;
- when his cry for help was noticed, he was able to get help;
- and it didn't take a mental health professional to prevent his suicide attempt.

Committee volunteer Peter Jones explained to the audience that almost always people who are contemplating suicide give hints of their plans.

They may go through a drastic change in personality — a person who is usually easy going suddenly becomes depressed or some one who is usually withdrawn becomes very friendly and extroverted.

Wanting to give away possessions or suddenly draw up a will are often clear signals that a person is thinking of suicide, said Jones.

"Many times we can't see the red flags. They're very subtle. The people who are suicidal aren't going to stand up and say, 'I'm suicidal.' They're putting out hints, very, very small signs."

However, it doesn't take an expert to read the signs or to help prevent a suicide, said Pastor Dave Campbell.

"Who can intervene? Anybody can ... Anybody can step in and help save someone's life. You don't have to be a professional."

Indeed, in the majority of successful interventions, it is friends or family members who initially talk the person out of committing suicide.

And that's why members of the prevention committee spend so much time speaking to different groups — they want to arm more people with the tools they need to save lives.

Often the most basic tools — talking and listening — can be the most effective.

If a person is giving warning signs that they may be contemplating suicide, it pays to ask them about their plans directly, said Fogwell.

"Ask the question, 'Are you thinking if taking your life?' It has to be direct. You can't ask it too indirectly or you won't get an answer."

Allowing the person to do a lot of talking as they answer can often diffuse the situation.

"The job is to find the reason for that person to live," said Fogwell.

Committee members suggested people who need to speak about suicide could also talk to members of the clergy, their family doctors, mental health counsellors or school guidance counsellors.

They can are also call area distress centres: Telecare Haliburton, 457-3617; Telecare Northern Victoria, (705) 887-3690; Telecare Peterborough, (705) 745-2273; or Telecare Lindsay, (705) 878-4411.

Haliburton County's Mental Health Planning Group may schedule a suicide prevention workshop and is looking for interested participants.

As well, the District Health Council is looking for volunteers to sit on its suicide task force.

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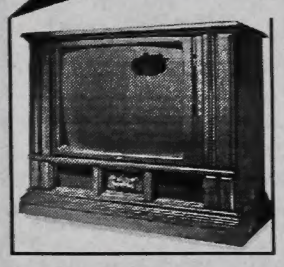

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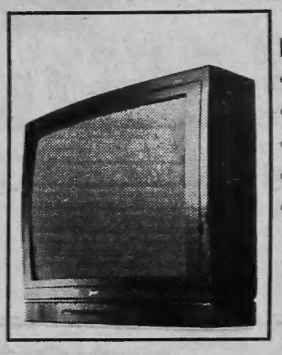

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Province puts away its scissors

Budget's spending programs should help spur Highlands' economy, says MPP

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

After nearly two years of deep funding cuts, Ontario's government swapped its scissors last week for a tourniquet made of cheques.

Finance Minister Ernie Eves announced no new major funding reductions on Tuesday in the Tories' second budget since taking power.

Instead, he outlined almost $3.2-billion in new spending initiatives for health care, education, child care, small business and a range of other programs.

At the same time, Eves announced the provincial deficit would drop to $7.5-billion for the 1996-97 fiscal year, falling to $6.6-billion in 1997-948 and $4.8-billion the year after.

The budget shows the province's plan to cut expenditures, streamline government and eliminate the deficit is paying off, said Victoria-Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson.

"We're still on track with the same plan. It's just paying some dividends, that's all ... The plan is working. We're on track to balance the budget. It fact, right now we're a little over $700-million ahead of schedule."

A number of the new spending programs should help improve the Highlands' economy, Hodgson said Wednesday.

Among the initiatives, the government plans to offer incentives to financial institutional that will help small businesses gain greater access to financing.

Last year, banks were offered a small business investment tax credit on a temporary basis. Now the government has made the program permanent and increased the amount of tax that can be earned back to 75 per cent from 20 per cent on equity investments of $50,000 or less.

As well Eves announced $30-million over the next three years for rural economic development.

Also good news for small business, the province will remove the employer's health tax from the payroll and will try to encourage the federal government to reduce its payroll tax, said Hodgson.

"Those are truly job killers. These payroll taxes tax you on the amount of people you hire, and we want to see more jobs and a better economy in our area."

Many area parents will likely benefit from a new child care tax credit designed for lower-income families.

Working parents with modest incomes and full-time adult students who pay for child care for youngsters under the age of seven qualify for the credit.

The credit will be decreased on a sliding scale for families with a net income of more than $20,000. Families who receive a net income of more than $40,000 and have two children will not be eligible for the tax credit. Neither will families currently receiving welfare benefits or any other income support from the province.

'We'd like to see the economy rebound a little stronger. I'm hopeful with this budget that we're helping that.'
-- MPP Chris Hodgson

For this year, the credit will be 25 per cent of the child care costs up to a maximum of $400 per child.

"That should really help a lot of working people in our area who have children," said Hodgson. " ... That will capture most of our riding."

The budget delivers the next two phases of the government's promised 30 per cent personal income tax cut. On July 1, income tax will be dropped by 3.4 per cent, followed by a reduction of the same amount in January. The remaining 7.8 per cent cut is scheduled for some time in 1999.

Even with the first half of the tax cut last year, the province's revenues went up because of increased economic activity, said Hodgson.

And that has allowed the government to "re-invest" primarily in health care and education, he said.

The province has put its planned $500-million cut to hospitals on hold while it waits to see the outcome of steps to restructure health services.

This year the province spent $17.8-billion in health care, which is $400-million more than the spending level it campaigned on, said Hodgson.

And for 1997-1998, the bill for health care go up further still.

"We've got an aging population and health care is expensive so we're going to have to spend $18.5-billion next year on health care," Hodsgon said. "At the same time the system needs to be reorganized, and that's not money driven ... It's going to be restructured to meet the increasing demand of our population growing older and the cost of new technology."

In the field of education, the province announced $250-million in new funding for universities to help students who face financial barriers get a post secondary education.

Eves also re-stated Education Minister John Snobelen's pledge of $650-million for school construction and renovation projects.

Other budget highlights include:

- a package of tax credits and investments to promote youth employment;
- a new $30-million task force to help children with learning disabilities;
- incentives to create high tech jobs in research and development and the arts;
- funding for school boards that provide practical work placements for post-secondary placements in math, science and technology;
- vehicle registration fees to be standardized at $74 per year across southern Ontario.

"It's a good news budget," said Hodgson. "It should improve confidence and hopefully improve the economy in our area. (The economy) is not as good as we'd like to see it. There are still way too many people that still aren't employed or if they do have jobs, they're worried about how they're going to afford their payments. We'd like to see the economy rebound a little stronger. I'm hopeful with this budget that we're helping that."

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New reporter joins *Echo* for summer

by MARIA CALABRESE
Staff Reporter

It's been almost three weeks since I sneaked into Haliburton, and I'm proud to say that I haven't been lost once — if you don't count the day I blew into town for the job interview, or the day I looked for an apartment and got my car stuck on a dead end road, or the day . . . well you get the point.

Otherwise, all is well in the land of lakes and maple syrup, both of which aren't foreign to me being from Sudbury where I was born and raised (and dropped a few times). That's where I received my English degree, just before tuition fees started to skyrocket, otherwise I might be blueberry picking for a living instead of for interest.

I soon made my way to Toronto where I've been choking on car fumes and being rude to strangers. After all, when in Rome . . . With my journalism degree from Centennial College in hand, I've since worked in contract positions at various publications in and around Toronto.

I've written for a trade newspaper that few people of ever heard of. (It's called Playback and unless you're in the film or television industry, it's not exactly Sunday afternoon reading.)

But if you're a Canadian Living subscriber, get out your back issues because I wrote some of the health briefs for them. And anyone familiar with the Beach area of Toronto might know of the Beach Metro News where I was a reporter for the past six months.

And now I'm here.

I'll be writing for the Echo all summer long. And when I'm not at the office or at an assignment, I like to go exploring through the trees and trails around the town. So if I accidentally end up in your backyard don't be alarmed. After all, my sense of direction, as I've already pointed out, has a lot to be desired.

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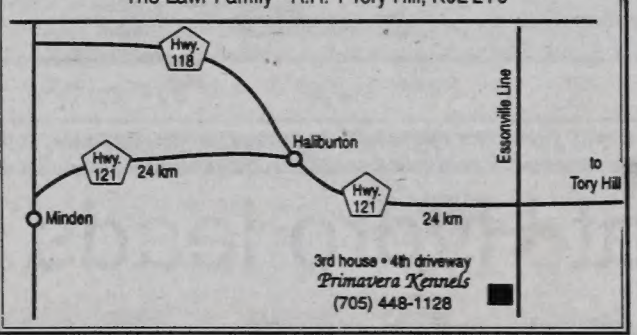

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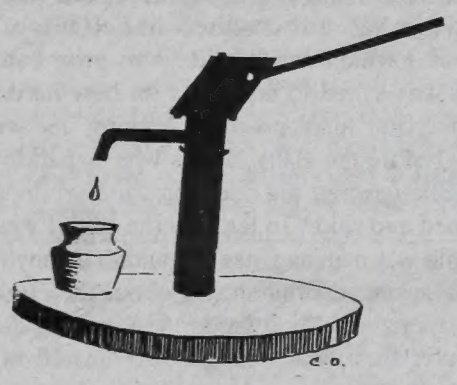

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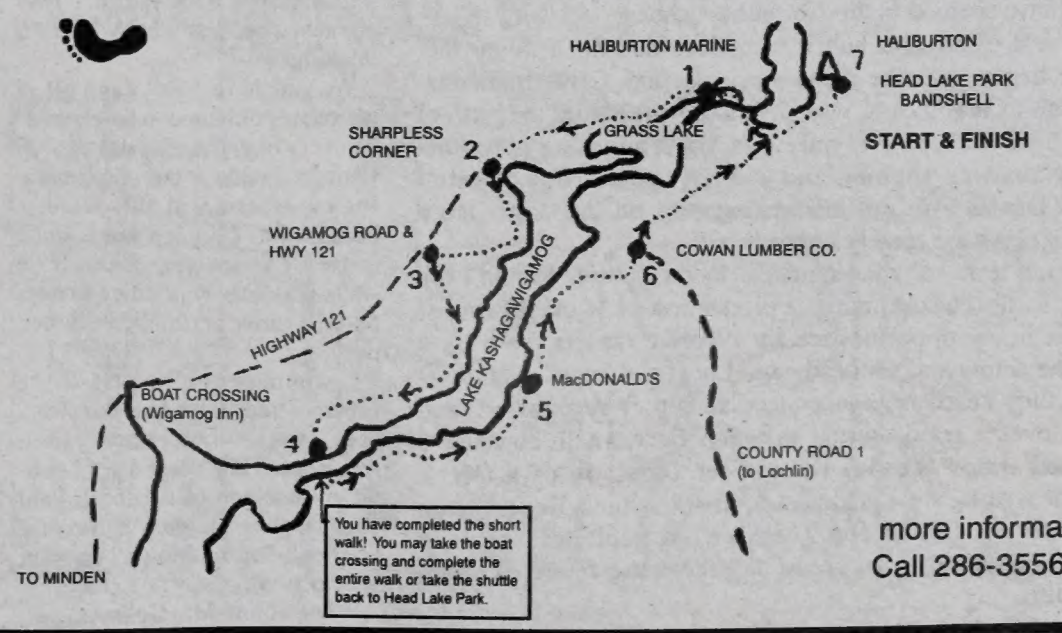

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Editorial

All the news that's unfit to print

THERE ARE FEW OTHER WORDS which can chill a reporter's heart as much as "I'll tell you a story but you'll have to put your pen down first." In all likelihood, the story the reporter is about to hear is the most interesting of the interview. Or at least it is the most revealing. It's during these "off the record" moments that you discover a less staid, righteous side of Highlands life. Unfortunately, when the reporter can pick up her pen again, what's left for the newspaper is the official version. Not necessarily a boring version, but one with half the colour of what has to be edited out. (One of this writer's favourite quotes which never made it to print came from an old woman who was asked to comment on how hard life must have been after her first husband died, leaving her with children to raise in days before the Baby Bonus was a sparkle in the government's eye. She ignored the question for a while and then, when pressed, turned and said "To tell you the truth I was damn glad he died. All he did was nag, nag, nag. I couldn't do anything right.")

As a result, when reading stories about the Highlands' past in *The Echo*, readers could be lulled into believing that the past was a much simpler time, when neighbours unselfishly looked after each other, everyone was guided by a deep faith and no one gave birth or died before their lawful due date. In other words, the 10 Commandments were written on the stony outcrops of the Canadian Shield.

It's not that *The Echo's* been lying, it's just that like teenagers explaining a weekend's events to their parents, the paper omits telling the entire truth. That's because the people who tell us the stories are worried about relatives still living or the code of conduct which forbade such open discussions of the seven deadly sins in practice. But sins we've had, sins we have and sins we will have. It may seem like we have more, but it's just that today we talk about them. Some of us even talk about them ad nauseam on afternoon television talk shows.

The story about Lou Porter's death is a break from convention. There's no pretense about the good old days, no attempt to pretend people's lives weren't sometimes consumed by jealousy, anger and envy. Porter's wasn't the only murder, but it was one of the few to have such spectacular courtroom drama.

And it's not very often that a play is written about the Highlands, let alone a Highlands murder. What a surprise it was to listen to the play *Murder Pattern* on CBC Stereo this past winter. The play, written in 1936 by Herman Voaden, is a fictionalized account of the Lou Porter murder. To listen to those who knew or knew of Porter, the playwright ascribed to the belief that you shouldn't let the truth get in the way of a good story. To listen to Voaden's description of the Highlands at the turn of the century, this was a dark and foreboding place, where Nature was as much an enemy to be feared as a friend to be relied on. Night falling on a snow-covered and isolated farm turns a pastoral scene into journey into the heart of darkness. How primitive the area must have seemed to this Toronto teacher.

How typical of modern hubris to believe that the Toronto theatre scene began with the mega-musicals. The CBC dramatization reminds us that theatre was alive and well before the birth of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Not only was Voaden writing plays that brought Canadian themes and values to life, but novelist Robertson Davies also got his writing start on the stage. It's a shame their plays are largely unproduced.

Perhaps it's time to make amends. In the future, couldn't the Highlands Little Theatre mount a production of *Murder Pattern*? It provides many opportunities for creative outlets, both by a director, the actors and set designers. Local audiences would tingle when they heard references to places they recognized, and everyone loves a good murder mystery. Be warned, however – although at times Murder Pattern reminds you of a Greek tragedy, the writing style is almost futuristic, almost like a stream of consciousness with actions. There are few traditional scenes in the play. Then again, you could say there are few traditional scenes in life.

M.P.

Surrounded by Gull River flooding by Peter Downs

Letters to the Editor

Downsizing at Hydro leads to poorer customer service

To the Editor:

Be aware that the development of the lake areas of Haliburton for recreation, and the resulting businesses to make it happen, would not have been possible without a co-operative Ontario Hydro dedicated to serving Ontarians.

The downsizing of the public utility is far from friendly to Haliburton. The cutbacks are resulting in poor maintenance of the power lines, particularly those serving the lake and rural areas. This has already been confirmed by a recent personal experience. It seems that almost every strong wind knocks out our power. This means no heat, no light, no drinking water, no refrigeration, no toilets. It took from mid-afternoon until nearly noon the next day to restore power.

We have the option of retiring here as do countless others, but with the possibility of more frequent outages, as the effect of downsizing develops, we will want to consider carefully. Seniors don't need the hassle of power outages. Neither do tourists or those attending Haliburton School of Fine Arts.

Downsizing Ontario Hydro will be a minus for the area. Privatization is not the answer. The privately owned power company in Florida, where we go, is in a disaster mode. It has neglected maintenance on its equipment so it could give bigger dividends to its shareholders. This year its customers got a big rate increase.

I make these comments as a part-time resident of Haliburton area for more than 50 years. Obviously I love it here.

Ormonde Kenter,
Soyers Lake

It's time to vote for 'real change'

To the Editor:

We're not stupid.

At least I hope we're not, but I do have cause to wonder. When the voters of Hamilton East voted Sheila Copps back into her government seat, just what were they thinking?

We still have Sheila and all of the other politicians who claim to be serving the taxpayers of Canada. I believe the only reason for an election at this time is because Mr. Chretien wants to be in power in the year 2000. If he waits till his term in office expires he will most certainly be voted out.

It wouldn't surprise me if the Liberals trade their tour bus, for a tour boat when they reach Manitoba. They made a very public presentation of the federal aid cheque, then claimed it was not political, and nothing to do with the election.

What about Mr. Charest, you might be asking right now. Sure he is a smooth operator, but have you forgotten which party brought us the GST? The reason we voted in the Liberals was to get rid of the GST, not to change it to the BST, which is making Canadians in the Atlantic provinces pay even more tax than before!

Mr. Chretien claimed he wanted "change for Canadians". Well there's a lot of us with just change in our pockets. Remember that when you vote, and do vote, vote for real change for Canadians.

Ian Alfred Holland,
Haliburton

Fashion show helps Gallery

To the Editor:

Once again the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts is grateful to The Echo for the fine picture coverage of our latest event. Could we add one bit of information? The "charity" Fashion Show at the Legion on Sunday, May 4 was a fund-raiser for the HHGFA. The "charity" is the Rails' End Gallery in Haliburton. The Guild continues to operate the Gallery for the interest and pleasure of the local citizenry, seasonal residents, and our many visitors to the county.

Thanks again.

June Stewart,
Vice President - HHGFA

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Immortal memories

DOWN OUR ROAD

Sharon Lynch

IT WAS THE KIND of morning Kate loved. The sky, just beginning to pink along the tree tops, promised a day of sunshine and gentle spring air. Any minute the birds would begin to stir. Their singsong chattering combined with the swollen stream humming over the rocks made a pleasant backdrop as Kate started down the road for her daily sojourn.

As she approached Jim's place, her eyes were automatically drawn to the familiar scene. The apple trees, flower beds and assortment of paraphernalia collected over the years stood in the quiet starkness of a leafless spring landscape. Were this one of other mornings in other years gone past, the scene would be less quiet, but only slightly so, as Jim worked amid the bulbs, tubers and peat moss. He loved his garden. Most of his lot not covered by his home was covered by something growing. Even now, without Jim, the signs of life had begun to push outward. Jim was not there to see them this year He had died at the end of winter.

When Kate heard the news, she was somehow not entirely surprised. She knew from her morning walks that Jim had not been at home for months previous and that was unusual. Now, as she walked past the empty parking spot, she felt a tinge of sadness. There was definitely a feeling that something was missing, a presence as much a part of that piece of the lake as any tree or rock. A change had taken place, a change that could never be unchanged.

Kate had never thought about Jim being there whenever she walked or drove by. He was simply there, year after year.

A quietly gentle man of few words, he had the friendliest way of catching her eye, but always waiting for her to make the first move toward a greeting. Then he would immediately give a shy smile and duck his head. Sometimes Kate would stop and Jim would bend down to pat her dog. If the dog wasn't with her, she might still pause to talk about flowers, black flies or the weather. If she was in a bit of a hurry, she would call out a comment as she strode by his house and he would answer back, sometimes adding a wave of his hand. A nice man, very private.

Kate knew Jim had lost his wife a few years before after a lengthy illness and thought that must have been hard for him. Before she became ill, she also spent a lot of time in the gardens. They seemed to share the same passion for digging in the soil. After she was gone, he was out there more. Rock borders were created, different plants added, areas enlarged or reshaped. There was always much to be done. By the end of the summer, Jim had a deep farmer's tan and the most beautiful collection of colours and shapes imaginable.

Kate remembered hearing once about Jim becoming very angry with a neighbour. It had seemed out of character for Jim until Kate heard more details. Even then it was only talk, she did not know any of it to be true first hand. But apparently the neighbour was angry at a beaver cutting down young trees on his lot and the man had wanted to dynamite the beaver dam behind his property to get rid of the beaver once and for all. Supposedly Jim became quite furious at such a suggestion and the relationship between the two of them never healed. The neighbour moved away.

Now Jim was gone as well. Kate wondered if the house would be sold. Probably, as there seemed to be no other family. She hoped whoever bought it liked to garden. Still, the place would never be quite the same.

Pic of the Past

With the country immersed in a federal election (or spring flood water), we thought it appropriate to share this photo of some of this area's politicians. We believe they are gathered at Sir Sam's Inn for the Warden's Banquet in 1952. From left, in the front row are: Reg Booth, Warden Harold Black, Premier Leslie Frost and MP C.W. Hodgson. Second row: Les Boucher, W.R. Curry, ?, Harry Bishop, and Ed Peacock. Third row: Gilbert Windsor, Ron Curry, Clayton Rogers, Russell Dart, and ?. Fourth row: Roy Brohm, W.O. Bailey, Bert Curry, Carl Hussey and Ernie Warren (we think.) Back row: ? Frank Hodgson, ?, Lew Roberts and Sid Roberts. Our thanks to Garth Windsor for sharing the photo and several others, including Sid Roberts, for helping to identify the people.

There's no place like home

by MATILDA THOM,
Haliburton Lake

IT CAME TO ME recently how special the women of Haliburton really are. Ironically, the catalyst was a presentation which I was privileged to attend, about a Church Mission in the West Indies. I was impressed by the dedication, respect and practical assistance offered by the Mission. But when I looked around the room at the other members of my Church Women's Group, I realized, like Dorothy, that "there's no place like home."

These "homebodies" make things happen - behind the scenes, quietly and with true devotion. Without ego, without grandstanding, and with self-effacing efficiency, they organize wedding feasts, funeral dinners, raise funds and administer charities. To do so, they spend precious hours of their lives telephoning, cooking, cleaning and serving food; sometimes to raise money, sometimes, just to serve others. This is humble work, but it is meaningful work that makes a genuine difference to its beneficiaries. These special women nurture those in need, and mothers or not, are mother to us all, cradle to grave.

Through faith and humility, they offer hope to others, but what do they receive? No salaries, pass hands, no fancy titles and certainly, no halos. But visible to any onlooker, is the shared ease and affection they have with one another, after many years of shared accomplishment. Generosity and compassion are their currency. The dividends come from within, a sign of strength in its own right.

'These special Haliburton women nurture those in need, and mothers or not, are mothers to us all, cradle to grave.'

I am proud to know these strong women, and to be associated with them, but these qualities are not their exclusive domain. I have neighbours whose church affiliation is unknown to me, but who just as quietly wear their souls on their sleeves, all the same. They are beautiful souls, for those who want to see. I have been the recipient of many kindnesses, large and small, and they too, have made a tangible difference in my life.

Like most modern females, these women have responsibilities. Some have paying jobs outside the home, most have families, and all struggle with the problems of modern life. Somehow, they manage to transcend and to reach out beyond themselves.

Faith. Hope. Charity. Transcendence. In a society clamouring for glamour and excess, these individuals continue to give and to nurture. To make a difference, the special women of Haliburton do not need to travel the world. They are the world.

More Letters to the Editor

Fed-up driver will park and shop where she pleases

To the Editor:

I feel this letter is necessary to point out to the business owners on Highland Street in Haliburton a few facts.

Anyone who pays for a parking meter is entitled to part for the allotted time paid. I have been told by one business owner, and just today yelled at by another, for parking on Highland Street, and I had already paid for my meter. I was informed by this person that it doesn't matter if I pay the meter or not, I am not a customer. However, I spend at least $15 a day in the local stores on Highland Street, I bought two vehicles from Curry Motors, and after parking in the back lot for just one day found my car had been scratched.

I am now going to park my vehicles where I can watch them but in future I will bring my lunch and do all my shopping in Minden where nobody, including the businesses, cares where I park.

This town is famous for the businesses complaining about where we shop and consistently treat the people who work and shop here every day in the worst possible manner. We make up 90%, at least, of their year round business by virtue of the fact we don't have time to shop elsewhere. We should be treated as well as any other of their paying customers.

Margaret Poole,
Maple Lake and Haliburton employee

Familiar promises come out as election date draws near

To the Editor:

Another election on its way. Main topics are: jobs, jobs, jobs, taxes, taxes, taxes, debt, debt, debt. Remember Canadians. These are people who have in the past and present set examples for us on how to live and spend. Remember, those fine representatives we have had. Some called us whimps, others who have said during election time, you vote for us, ah, but once they get in, things change. They are there to serve the party, not the public.

Funny, I recall reading where it said, "In later days, man will become more intelligent and further from the truth." Could this be in Canada?

I'll bet you didn't know about this so-called debt that keeps running higher every day. Back in 1939 I read of a resident of Nova Scotia who asked a Member of Parliament the following questions: Is it possible for Canada to pay off its debt and if so how can it be paid? If it can be paid, why don't we pay it? If it can never be paid, why continue to fool the people by enslaving and starving them to pay interest on a debt that can never be repaid? These questions were asked in the House of Commons debates, February 16, 1939, Page 1018. Some are still waiting for an answer. Don't hold your breath.

I recall some time ago, our Prime Minister getting caught in a lie and I quote, "It was an act of God" that caused him to do this. Maybe the Gideons could send him a Holy Book he can govern by instead of the Red Book. Maybe he'll come to see where he once was blind and now have a chance to see. In my opinion, the party closer to telling the truth is the Opposition or at least until they get elected and then things change. It's similar to the boy who came home from school and asked his dad what diplomacy meant. His dad said, "If I were to say to your mom, Dear, your face would stop a clock, that's ignorant, not diplomacy. But if I were to say, Dear, every time I look at your face, time stands still, that's diplomacy."

Unfortunately, it doesn't appear as though we have any Solomons out there to get us out of this mess. Their wisdom doesn't appear to go any further than the dollar sign. One party pads the way for the next party to take over and exclaim what a mess they have been handed. Oh well, Canada, one thing is for sure, we'll get the government we deserve.

Gerard Mumford,
Harcourt, Ontario

Children's concert series volunteers will be missed

To the Editor:

The Haliburton County Children's Concert Series (HCCCS) held its annual Subscribers Appreciation night on Thursday, April 30. We met at the Women's Resource Centre in Haliburton with refreshments and snacks.

Both Heather Smith and Rosemary Shivji took their leave from us that night.

Heather has been volunteering with the HCCCS as a committee member for about seven years. She started as a ticket seller, was responsible for hospitality and was our chairperson for the last three years. Her dependability and cheerfulness have kept everybody together as a team.

Rosemary Shivji volunteered for three years. She started as a publicity committee member and was vice chairperson the last two years. Rosemary has welcomed us for committee meetings many times, she is someone you always can count on.

We thank Heather and Rosemary for their dedication to bring laughter and joy to the young and young-hearted of this area. Their support will be greatly missed.

The HCCCS:
Juliane vanLieshout, chairperson,
Aiere Campbell, vice chairperson,
Sheila Shaw, treasurer,
Barb Fraser, secretary,
Jeannine Espie, auxiliary member, and
Marilou Mizzan, programming committee

P.S. We welcome new volunteers!

High school's ELM project a big hit with youngsters

The following letter was sent to Dave Mowat, Co-ordinator, E.L.M. Project, H.H.S.S.

Dear Mr. Mowat:

As you can tell from their enthusiastic letters and big smiles, our Grade 3s and 4s had a wonderful E.L.M. Day at the high school. We marvel at the talent and skill of all the biology, art and drama students and applaud your efforts in co-ordinating the whole project. As we walked the E.L.M. trail that warm and sunny spring day it was amazing to think that there were over 100 young people (ours and yours) involved in outdoor learning activities at any given moment. Your pre-visits to our school were very effective in building trusting relationships between our students and your student-leaders. And, of course, our Big Day at the high school planted the seeds that now grow and blossom in the hearts and minds of our eight and nine year olds, as they go on to research and investigate the 16 areas of inquiry you opened up to them.

We are currently engrossed in an E.L.M. Research Project that will culminate in an Open House for our parents on Tuesday, May 27. It would be wonderful if you and your Wilberforce Team could join us for part of the day, so that we can reminisce about our E.L.M. experiences, and share the new knowledge and understanding we have gained through further research.

Many thanks for inviting us to participate in your wonderful project. I was a terrific learning experience for us, as well.

Dianne Hagerman & Janice Benoit,
Teachers, Wilberforce School

Newspaper's coverage reflects community's collective riches

To the Editor:

We would like to sincerely thank you for the impressive coverage of recent activities at Northern Timberhouse Ltd. The piece on our crew's trip to Japan is worthy of a writing award - "Best Reporting of What Was Actually Said by Interview Subjects"!

As always, we are encouraged by the tremendous amount of support by Echo staffers to local businesses in the Highlands.

This northern community is able to share our collective riches through your professional journalist reports of the productive commerce that exists in Haliburton County.

Keep up the great work.

Cristina Rico and
Donna L. Ottley

THE ECHO STAFF SAYS

WELCOME BACK

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Rodin, Tommy Hunter shared secret to success

ART AND ME

Marion J. Hare

Auguste Rodin, the great 19th Century French sculptor, and Tommy Hunter, the famous Canadian twentieth century Canadian country western singer. What do these two share besides the fact that they both were artists of the first rank? They shared the same belief concerning the secret of their success.

Each, needing to make a living, spent years honing skills as bit players on their respective stages before they had the freedom to develop their own originality.

Tommy Hunter claims that the years he performed on "Country Hoedown" were critical to his future success. There he practised his craft. When he finally had the opportunity to create his own show he had faith in his somewhat radical idea that country and western could stand alone and needed not such clichés as haystacks and barns to be accepted. By that time, he notes, he had both the skills necessary to be a success and the courage of his convictions that his music could become mainstream.

Auguste Rodin, for 18 years after his formal training, was forced to become a journeyman sculptor for other successful sculptors doing the decorative scroll work etc. on public buildings. He later claimed that his long apprenticeship made his hands so dexterous that they could shape with ease the ideas of his mind. He too by that time had the courage of his convictions and thus broke out of many of the conforming attitudes concerning sculpture that had restricted the discipline for hundreds of years. Rodin's many innovations accurately award him the title of Father of Modern Sculpture.

Is there a lesson to be learned in our times from these two defining artists? Definitely. At a time when new singers appear for a short time like meteor bursts and then fade from view and the work of sculptors and painters becomes the flavour of the month, much can be learned.

The discipline of craft is essential if an artist is to make significant contributions to the chosen field of endeavor. There is nothing new about this nor does it apply only to the arts. In all professions, the key to success is as much from well honed skills as from a natural flair.

To this I can add a personal note. A daughter who sailed through school with flair wanted to train as an equestrian. So we sent her to a British riding academy for a year. Practice, practice, practice, from 5:00 a.m to 7:00 p.m. six days a week. Exhaustion on the seventh. She surprised them by lasting the year for she was told no Canadians or Americans could take the rigour. Then she came back to university and a profession. She is the first to admit that that was the defining year and taught her the necessary skills for life. Previous education had not. "Discipline and mastery of a craft was the lesson learned.

At a time when "self-expression" seems to be the watchword in education, perhaps more rigorous attention to developing the fundamentals of any discipline, be it verbal expression, visual constructions, or even cognitive reasoning, would be a welcome addition to the training of our children to enable them to become the masters of whatever craft they choose.

Thanks for help at dumps

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people using the four landfill sites of West Guilford, Kennisis Lake, West and South Bay Haliburton Lake and their effort to keep them clean. Also, the men operating them: Ken, Graydon and Mike. A thank you to the roads department who kept our sites open and operational sometimes beyond the call of duty. This was greatly appreciated. Thanks again.

Ian Wood,
Haliburton

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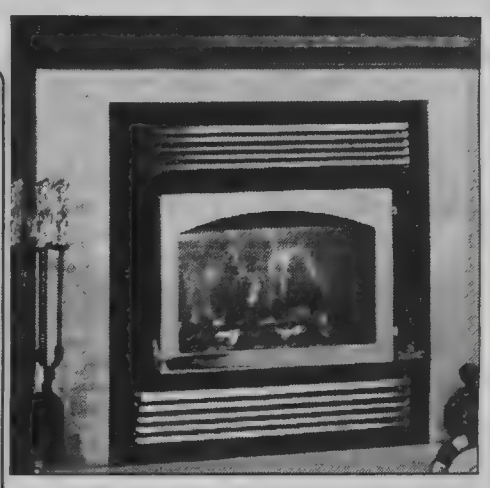

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Track athletes smash records at high school

Athletes at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School toppled 18 records and tied another last week during the school's first track and field meet of the season.

The following is a full list of the results from Thursday's competition. Names of the record-setters are in bold.

Midget Girls

100 Meter: 1st - Jordana Bain, 14.1; 2nd - Meghan Kennedy, 14.2; 3rd - Kim Varty - 14.6; 4th - Tanya Sisson, 14.7; 5th - Reagan Brown, 15.0; 6th Tracey Draker, 15.4.

200 Meter: 1st - Jordana Bain, 32.4; 2nd - Reagan Brown, 33.4; 3rd - Kim Varty, 33.5; 4th - Laurie Turner, 34.6.

400 Meter: 1st - Reagan Brown, 1.12.9; 2nd - Lindsey Robertson, 1.16.8; 3rd - Kelly Ketner, 1.19.5.

800 Meter: 1st - Katherine Hagerman, 2.41.5.

1500 Meter: 1st - Katherine Hagerman, 5.37.4.

3000 Meter: 1st - Katherine Hagerman, 12:49.

80 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Jordana Bain, 14.8; 2nd - Kim Varty, 16.1; 3rd - Lindsey Robertson, 18.0; 4th - Amanda Manser, 18.7.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Jordana Bain, 54.02; 2nd - Kim Varty, 58.95; 3rd - Lindsey Robertson, 1:03.98; 4th - Amanda Manser, 1:09.01.

Shot Put: 1st - Nicole Cooper, 8.29.

Discus: **1st - Nicole Cooper, 27.06**; 2nd - Britney Hewitt, 24.54; 3rd - Abbey Pearsell, 20.02; 4th - Jennifer Wales, 19.22; 5th - Kelly Ketner, 18.48; 6th - Tracey Draker, 16.62.

Javelin: 1st - Nicole Cooper, 22.24; 2nd - Jennifer Wales, 21.80; 3rd - Britney Hewitt, 21.62; 4th - Tanya Sisson, 20.88.

High Jump: 1st - Tracey Draker, 1.25; 2nd - Lindsey Robertson, 1.25; 3rd - Abbey Pearsell, 1.10.

Triple Jump: 1st - Tracey Draker, 8,01; 2nd - Abbey Pearsell, 7.50; 3rd - Kelly Ketner, 7.12.

Long Jump: 1st - Tanya Sisson, 4.15; 2nd - Meghan Kennedy, 3.98; 3rd - Britney Hewitt, 3.90; 4th - Tracey Draker, 3.58; 5th - Abbey Pearsell, 3.58; 6th - Laurie Turner, 3.66

Junior Girls

100 Meter: 1st - Kate Campbell, 12.9; 2nd - Amy Brandon, 14.0; 3rd - Amanda McLennaghan, 14.5; 4th - Sarah Bloomfield, 14.8.

200 Meter: 1st - Kate Campbell, 27.6; 2nd - Amy Brandon, 29.7; 3rd - Amy Wood, 31.8; 4th - Sarah Bloomfield, 33.1.

400 Meter: 1st - Amy Wood, 1:11.3; 2nd - Sarah Bloomfield, 1:28.

800 Meter: 1st - Stephanie Ratz, 2:36.2.

1500 Meter: 1st - Stephanie Ratz, 5:26.0.

3000 Meter: 1st - Stephanie Ratz, 12:07.

80 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Kate Campbell, 12.5.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Kate Campbell, 50.0.

Shot Put: 1st - Shirleen Dehaan, 8.16; 2nd - Amber-Lee Cully, 7.95; 3rd - Amanda McClennaughan, 7.22; 4th - Kristen Sisson, 6.78.

Discus: 1st - Amber-Lee Cully, 24.36; 2nd - Kristen Sisson, 24.18; 3rd - Shirleen Dehaan, 24.04.

Javelin: 1st - Amanda McClennaughan, 26.18; 2nd - Amber-Lee Cully, 24.36; 3rd - Kristen Sisson, 14.72; 4th - Shirleen Dehaan, 13.60.

Triple Jump: 1st - Amy Wood, 9.81.

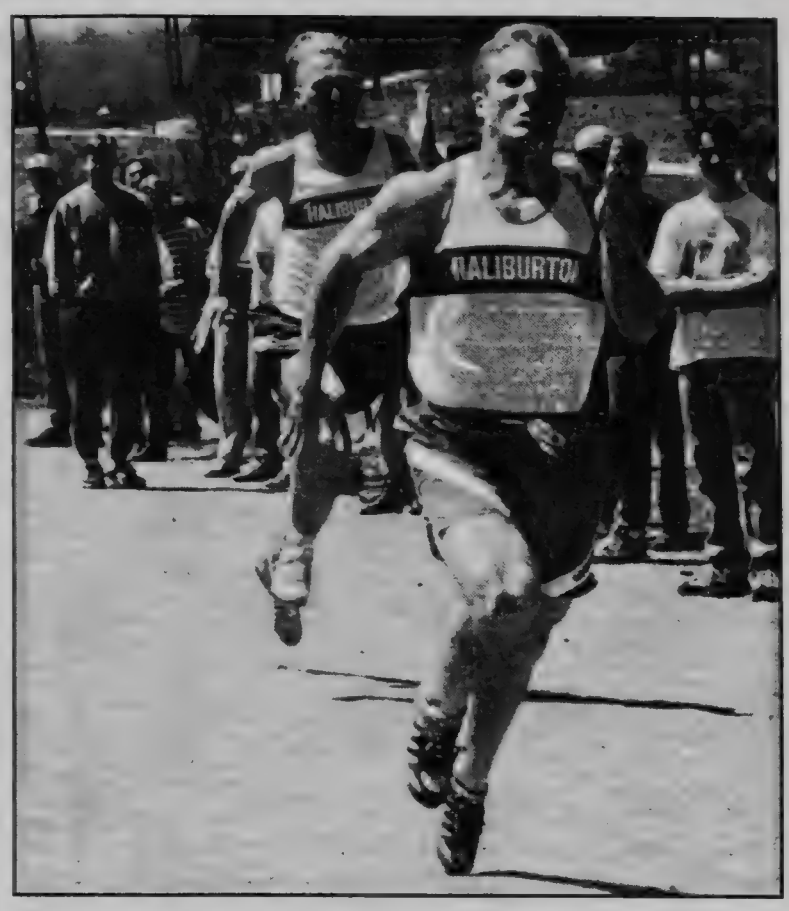
Long Jump: 1st - Amy Brandon, 4.23; 2nd - Shirleen Dehaan, 4.11; 3rd - Amy Wood, 3.88.

Senior Girls

100 Meter: 1st - Amanda Duncombe, 13.9.

200 Meter: 1st - Amanda Duncombe, 29.2.

400 Meter: 1st - Amanda Duncombe, 1:09.4.



Mike Bradley, foreground, set records in the senior boys' 100- and 200-metre dash.

800 Meter: 1st - Caitlin Pettit, 2:47.5

1500 Meter: 1st - Caitlin Pettit, 5:57.

3000 Meter: 1st - Caitlin Pettit, 12:45.

Discus: 1st - Jess Wallace, 30.66; 2nd - Amanda Duncombe, 25.40.

Javelin: 1st - Jess Wallace, 29.94.

Triple Jump: 1st - Jess Wallace, 9.40; 2nd - Amanda Duncome, 8.89.

Long Jump: 1st - Amanda Duncombe, 4.53; 2nd - Jess Wallace, 4.11.

Open Pole Vault: 1st - Britney Hewitt, 2.0; 2nd - Amanda McClennaughan, 1.85; 3rd - Amber-Lee Cully, 1.75.

Midget Boys

100 Meter: 1st - Aidan McKnight, 12.6 (tied record);

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FROM page 14

2nd - Ian Duncombe, 12.8; 3rd - Dustin Boughner, 13.4; 4th - Dru Adamson, 13.5; 5th - Nicholas Cochrane, 13.5.

200 Meter: 1st - Ian Duncombe, 27.9; 2nd - Dustin Boughner, 28.8; 3rd - Nicholas Cochrane, 29.4; 4th - Adam Wilson, 30.4.

400 Meter: 1st - Aidan McKnight, 1:04.3; 2nd - Blaine Saunders, 1:05.6; 3rd - Gaten Davis, 1:11.5.

800 Meter: 1st - Blaine Saunders, 2:27.9.

1500 Meter: 1st - Gaten Davis, 5:57.9, 2nd - Blaine Saunders.

3000 Meter: 1st - Blaine Saunders, 12:02.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Aidan McKnight, 16.3; 2nd - Dru Adamson, 18.6; 3rd - Mike Hamilton, 19.3.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Aidan McKnight, 48.44; 2nd - Dru Adamson, 52.28; 3rd - Mike Hamilton, 52.58.

Shot Put: 1st - Ryan Simioni, 11.52; 2nd - Adam Clarkson, 10.54; 3rd - Mark Comeau, 10.25.

Discus: 1st - Ryan Simioni, 35.22; 2nd - Adam Clarkson, 34.72; 3rd - Mike Hamilton, 30.70; Mark Comeau.

Javelin: 1st - Mike Hamilton, 34.72; 2nd - Mark Comeau, 27.40.

High Jump: 1st - Blaine Saunders, 1.60; 2nd - Dru Adamson, 1.45; 3rd - Dan Koz, 1.40.

Triple Jump: 1st - Aidan McKnight, 10. 31.

Long Jump: 1st - Dru Adamson, 4.62; 2nd - Ian Duncombe, 4.60; 3rd - Nicholas Cochrane, 4.57; 4th - Dan Koz, 4.48.

Pole Vault: 1st - Dan Koz, 2.15; 2nd - Gaten Davis, 1.85.

Junior Boys

100 Meter: 1st - Ashley Walker, 11.8; 2nd - Jesse Sternberg, 12.0; 3rd - John Craig, 12.1; 4th - Greg Simmons, 12.1; 5th - Sean Hughes, 12.6.

200 Meter: 1st - Jesse Sternberg, 25.1; 2nd - Ashley Walker, 25.3; 3rd - John Craig, 26.0; 4th - Sean Hughes, 27.3.

400 Meter: 1st - John Craig, 56.4; 2nd - Ashley Walker, 56.5; 3rd - Greg Simmons, 56.6; 4th - Jesse Sternberg, 57.8; 5th - Chris Moynes, 1:02.6; 6th - Alan Pugh, 1:06.2.

100 Meter Hurdles: 1st - Mike Morissette, 17.2.

300 Meter Hurdles: 1st - John Craig, 44.57; 2nd - Greg Simmons, 45.68; 3rd - Mike Morissette, 51.65; 4th - Ryan O'Neil, 54.28.

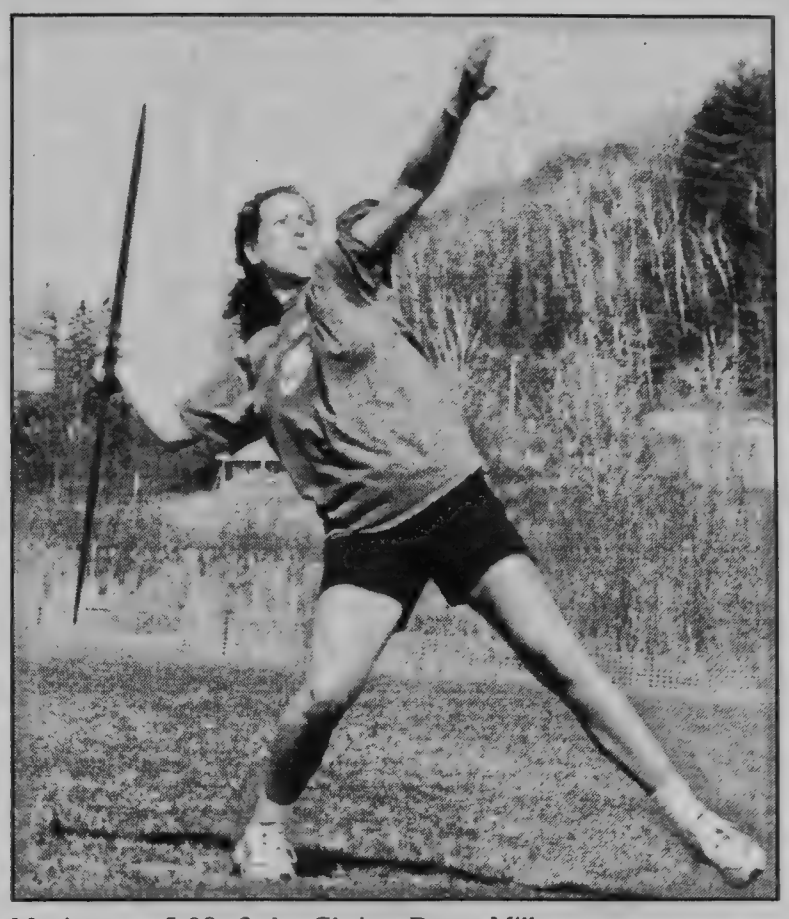
Shot Put: 1st - Matt Reid, 9.95; 2nd - Adam Durkin, 9.92; 3rd - Alan Pugh, 9.32; 4th - John Browning, 8.20.

Discus: 1st - Matt Reid, 33.40.

Javelin: 1st - Greg Simmons, 41.50; 2nd - Greg Luck, 30.22; 3rd - Matt Reid, 29.92; 4th - Adam Durkin, 28.80.

Triple Jump: 1st - Chris Moynes, 10.90; 2nd - Ryan O'Neil, 9.32.

Long Jump: 1st - Jesse Sternberg, 5.63; 2nd - Mike Morissette, 5.08; 3rd - Chris Moynes, 4.86.



Pole Vault: 1st - Greg Simmons, 2.90; 2nd - Greg Luck, 2.75; 3rd - Mike Morissette, 2.30; 4th - Adam Durkin, 2.0.

Senior Boys

100 Meter: 1st - Mike Bradley, 11.1; 2nd - Ryan Reesor, 11.9; 3rd - Aaron Tomlinson, 12.5.

200 Meter: 1st - Mike Bradley, 23.6; 2nd - Ryan Reesor, 25.1.

400 Meter: 1st - Ryan Reesor; 2nd - Aaron Tomlinson; 3rd - Darren Mills.

800 Meter: 1st - Matt Heffer, 2:28.

1500 Meter: 1st - Matt Heffer, 5:23.8.

3000 Meter: 1st - Matt Heffer, 11:26.0.

Shot Put: 1st - Mike Bradley, 12.42; 2nd - Andrew McKelvey, 11.80; 3rd - Jeremy Durkin, 10.67; 4th - Darren Mills, 10.43; 5th - Jeff Wray, 9.68.

Discus: 1st - Aaron Tomlinson, 42.24; 2nd - George Godfrey, 33.08; 3rd - Ryan Reesor, 32.28; 4th - Andrew McKelvey, 32.04, 5th - Darren Mills, 30.76.

Russ Snoddon, above, competes in the Special Needs 100-metre, while Jess Wallace, left, set records in discus and javelin.

Javelin: 1st - Jeff Wray, 35.46; 2nd - George Godfrey, 35.30; 3rd - Andrew McKelvey, 33.96.

High Jump: 1st - Aaron Tomlinson, 1.75; 2nd - Kevin Brezina, 1.70; 3rd - George Godfrey, 1.50.

Long Jump: 1st - Aaron Tomlinson, 5.64; 2nd - George Godfrey, 5.00.

Pole Vault: 1st - Kevin Brezina, 2.30.

Special Needs 100 Meter:

1st - Wes Fegan, 16.0; 2nd - Russ Snoddon, 18.4; 3rd - Dust Wicklund, 18.4.

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BOYS' CHAMPS: The boys' basketball team at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School won a recent tournament with four schools at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Members of the team include (front, from left), Jason Woodcox, Shane Campbell, Robbie Sharpe, Chris Petrow, Adam Henry, Aaron Martin, (middle, from left) Brian Reid, Chris Nimigon, B.J. Fowler, Sidney Barkowski, Kenny Mott, (back) coaches Ted Reid and Steve Smith. Absent are Joe Parish and coach McKay Brydon.

GIRLS' CHAMPS: The girls' basketball team at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School won a recent tournament with four schools at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. Members of the team include (front, from left), Kerry Schakelaar, Nicole Sisco, Stephanie Sternberg, Tanya Hunter, Shawna Curry (middle, from left) Liane Dron, Tracy Tibbitts, Cassie Hie, Danielle Casey, Caley Sisson (back) coaches Steve Smith and Roy Hoare. Absent are Krista McConnell and Laura Harvey.

MNR plans to stock 76 area lakes, rivers

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson announced the MNR will stock 137,000 trout this year in 70 lakes and six rivers and creeks in the Minden and Haliburton areas.

"This stocking program conducted by our Minden Area Office will provide valuable fishing opportunities for anglers," said Mr. Hodgson.

MNR's Minden area office will stock brook trout (speckled trout), rainbow, trout, lake trout and splake by helicopter and by road. MNR expects to begin stocking on May 9, 1997 and continue for about a week. Stocking is a fisheries management tool used to rehabilitate self-sustaining fisheries and to provide artificial or put-grow-take fishing opportunities to the public. These artificial opportunities not only provide a variety of angling experiences but they also help to relieve some of the pressure on our naturally reproducing fish populations.

"This year, we're stocking an additional 15,000 lake trout, which were originally raised for stocking in Lake Ontario, into six lakes in the Minden area," said Mr. Hodgson.

This year the Ministry will stock 137,000 trout during a one-week period. Later in the summer, walleye fry will be stocked.

Appropriate species are stocked into lakes which can support their growth to a catchable size. The natural capacity of the lake ecosystem which includes the size of the waterbody, the quality of the habitat and the size of the fish at the time of stocking, determines the number of fish to be stocked.

MNR only stocks waters with public access. Some lakes are completely surrounded by private land but in those cases landowners have granted consent for public access. MNR asks anglers to respect private property and Crown land, by not leaving garbage behind or cutting trees.

Volunteer creel/angling diaries are available at the Minden Area Office to those anglers interested in maintaining a log of their activities. This information is very helpful in assisting the Ministry of Natural Resources to evaluate the success of its fish stocking program.

"We're asking anglers to help us determine if brook trout are reproducing naturally in Minden," said Mr. Hodgson. "We've clipped all the brook trout that we'll stock this year into the creeks and rivers. We're asking anglers to notify the Minden Area Office if they catch an unclipped fish because it indicates some natural reproduction."

There will be 214,000 walleye fry stocked into area lakes later in the summer.

A detailed list of the lakes and rivers stocked this year is available at the Minden Area Office.

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Brothers race to honours

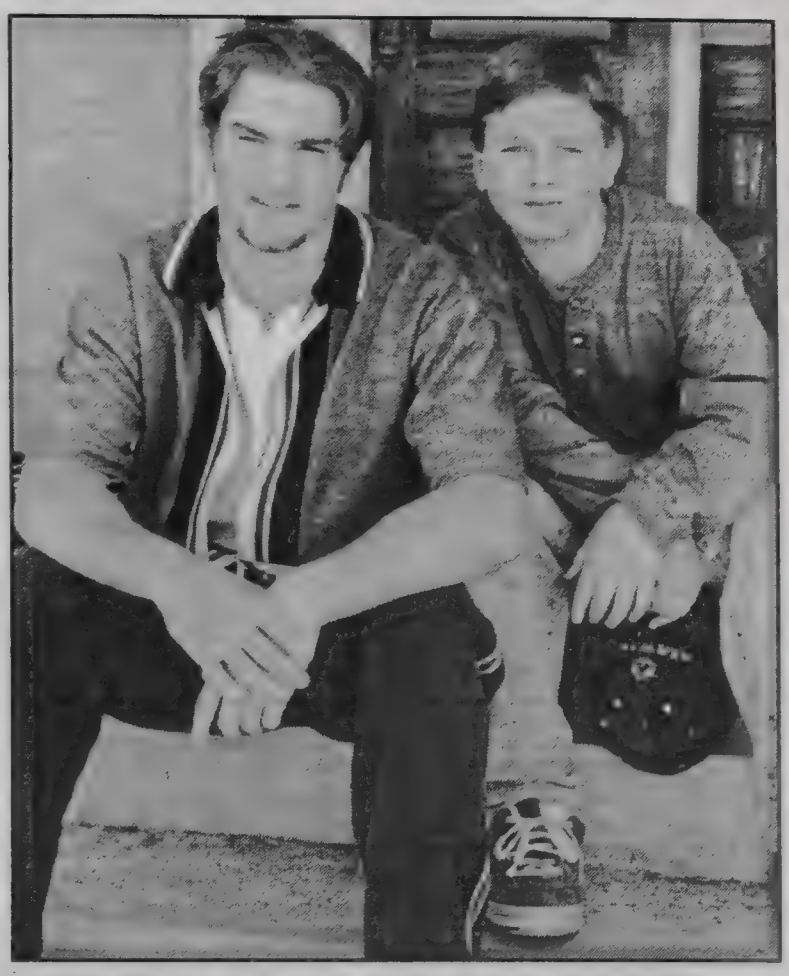
Luke Lester, top, was named Canadian Snow Cross Racing Association Rookie of the Year after 30 top-three finishes, including 18 firsts. His brother, A.J., bottom, was also nominated for the award after an impressive year with an eight-race winning streak.

■ *Luke and A.J. Lester are recognized for snow cross dominance*

A.J. Lester and Luke Lester of Minden were honoured at the well attended Canadian Snow Cross Racing Association's Annual Awards Banquet held at the Sundial Inn in Orillia, Saturday, May 3.

The two brothers were both nominated for the prestigious "CSRA Rookie of the Year" award. The nominations, which included Parry Sound Racer Chris Wilson and Kapuskasing's Jacqueline Ratte, are based on talent and total wins for the season.

A.J. Lester put together an eight-race winning streak which saw him capture second overall in the CSRA Junior 1 Class. A.J. started racing Junior 1 after three events had passed in the early season. Upon his entry into Junior 1 class snow cross he never lost a race. It is an unusual honour for a Junior 1 racer to be nominated for "CSRA Rookie of the Year". A.J. races a Ski-Doo Formula from Prentice Berry in Minden.



Minden's Luke and A.J. Lester

Luke Lester won the "CSRA Rookie of the Year" based on a phenomenal win record which saw the Minden racer score thirty podium (top three) finishes which included 18 first place awards. Luke won the Super Sport 500 class, Super Sport 600 class, came second in Junior II and third in Super Sport Open and Super Sport 440cc Fan. These class scores handily made him the 1997 "CSRA Super Sport Division Champion". Luke raced a Polaris Indy XC 440 and an XCF 440 tuned by Tim George.

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Pair hopes flag football can fly in the Highlands

Season opener set for June, pending on player interest

by **MARIA CALABRESE**
Staff Reporter

Ontario might have lost the Ottawa Rough Riders, and there's no indication that a CFL franchise team will make it to Haliburton any time soon, but two local football fans decided to tackle the sport by starting their own Haliburton Men's Flag Football League.

George Logan and Ray Barton were remembering the good 'ol days when they played flag football and decided to start their own league. They got the football rolling by setting up league rules and, once they know how many people are interested, they'll set up a playing schedule.

They've also secured a permit from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to use the football field where the teams will go head to head at the season opener on June 4, and every Wednesday and Thusday night from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Logan was a quarterback when he played flag football while living in Chicago. He recently happened upon a TSN program about a six-man football team where all players were receivers, and using this as a yardstick, the Haliburton teams will be made up of four receiving players.

Registration is $25 and limited to those at least 19 years old; otherwise anyone living anywhere in the free world who wants to throw the pigskin around for a bit of fun and football is welcome to join.

The season opener is scheduled for June 4, and anyone interested in lacing up for the game can either register at Village Donuts or call George Logan at 457-2329 or Ray Barton at 457-9141.

A LITTLE GAME OF PICK UP: George Logan, left and above, warms up the football at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School football field. Logan and Ray Barton, are currently accepting registrations for anyone interested in joining the first ever Haliburton Men's Flag Football League.

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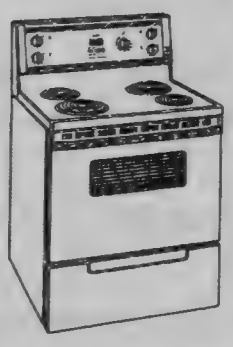

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Running partners get set for action on Sneaker Day

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A pair of sneakers would definitely come in handy if someone wanted to keep pace with Janet Bottum and Kristy Gammon.

As they juggle the demands of family and careers, they also manage to squeeze in a little time for themselves by going for a nice refreshing run together.

Mere mortals might not call a five-mile scoot around the block "refreshing", but these two friends say it's by running three or four times a week that they have the energy to rush from responsibility to responsibility.

"I have more energy now than I had before – and it makes you feel younger and strong," says Bottum, a public health nurse with three young children. (She also teaches step-aerobic classes.)

Although she's been athletic and active since her own childhood, it was only last year that she began running. She didn't like it at all at first, especially since it hurt her knees, but now that her husband Norm has developed a pre-run stretch for her, she hates to miss a run.

"It's stress reduction," says Gammon, who as a doctor with the Haliburton Family Medical Centre could also include a long list of health benefits. Being active is good for your heart and your mind, not to mention your spirit when her own demands of also raising three young children make it nice to be able to get outside for a breather.

"When I look at my patients, the happy, healthy ones are the ones who stay active," she says.

She's been running since she was a teenager and although there's a brief period after the birth of each child when she's more home-bound than usual, her passion for running soon has her lacing up her running shoes. "Once you get over the hump, running gives you a really nice feeling," she says, never tempted to go for a nice leisurely stroll along the boardwalk instead. "I don't get a buzz, that endorphin high, from walking."

But how do they find the time to run for fun, when they're so busy running just to keep pace with family and work schedules? In short, they make the time. They bring their running gear to work and they set off for a run before they set off to picking the kids up from daycare or helping to get dinner ready. Their families are very supportive – it's just something moms do, right? – and it helps that they run together because "you know someone else is counting on you."

On Sunday, the entire Bottum family – Janet and Norm and their three children – and the entire Gammon family – Kristy and her husband Steve Ferracuti and their three children – took part in the National Capital Marathon in Ottawa. The men ran 10 kilometres, the women ran six and the kids ran two. (When parents are active, they say, kids see exercise as simply being an everyday part of life.)

The Ottawa marathon illustrates how many events are becoming family-friendly. There's even new categories of the tri-athelon called the sprint and the try-a-tri, so "even if you're not going to be an Iron Man you can still do it."

On Friday, they'll be slowing the pace a little when they participate in Sneaker Day, a celebration of the joys of walking. Staff from the medical centre invite everyone to join them for a walk along the boardwalk during lunch, and in Minden, there are organized walks from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. (See sidebar.)

If people do not exercise regularly, then walking is a good way to start. Both women stress it's important to find an exercise you like, because if you don't like it, you won't stay with it.

Gammon also advises against spending a lot of money on exercise machines. Studies show that after a short spurt of use, most of them spend more time in the basement. As well, why exercise inside when you live in such beautiful country?

"You don't need all the machines here," she says. "You just need some good shoes and maybe someone to be with."

"You can even out-run the bugs," laughs Bottum.

SOLE MATES: Janet Bottom and Kristy Gammon, who run together a few per week, plan to slow the pace down a little this Friday to participate in Sneaker Day, a celebration of the joys of walking.

Sneaker Day route covers 2.5 kilometres

Walkers at Haliburton County's third annual Sneaker Day will hike a 2.5 kilometre route, including a portion of Minden's new wilderness trail. Sneaker Day, a celebration of walking for joy and health, will be held Friday, May 16.

Once again, the walk will start at the Gazebo by the bridge in downtown Minden. Beginning at 11 a.m., groups will go off from the Gazebo approximately every 15 minutes until 1 p.m.

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Company balks at deep hike to water rates

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

MINDEN COUNCIL BRIEFS

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Thursday's meeting of Anson, Hindon and Minden council.

The municipality is taking heat for hiking one Minden company's water and sewer rates by more than 100 per cent for the year ahead.

Westside Jug City president Paul Brown complained about the steep increase in a letter to council.

But deputy-reeve Jerry Rome, who sits on the municipality's public utilities committee, said the company has been charged too little for its usage. The hike was needed to bring its rates to the proper level for its two Minden buildings.

Councillor Sinc Nesbitt argued the municipality should have spread out the increase, rather than simply doubling the company's charges.

"I would never vote for a 100 per cent raise for anybody," he said. "I'm not saying they shouldn't be increased. But it should be done gradually."

But Rome, who chaired the meeting in the absence of reeve Jeanne Anthon, maintained the municipality can't make a special case for a single business.

The utilities committee found a few companies were being undercharged and all of them have to pay increases this year to get them to the proper rate.

"I know it's quite a jump, but the problem was they were being underbilled previously," he said. " ... If you're going to bill one business under certain criteria, then you have to bill everyone the same way."

There are six separate businesses operating out of one of the buildings owned by Westside Jug City and four operating from its neighbouring building.

Previously, the municipality wasn't billing it at the proper rate for that many water and sewer service users.

Boarders' orders

Council wants to give skateboarders marching orders from the village's main street sidewalks.

In some cases 'boarders have made it difficult for pedestrians to pass on the sidewalk. The jumping tricks they do using flower planters and other property along the street has the potential for causing damage.

The municipality's bylaw enforcement officer hopes to deter the skateboarders from riding on the sidewalks.

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Salmon hunt culminates in Highlands

The Great Salmon Hunt is back – and two local businesses are joining forces to have the search culminate in the Highlands.

Hart Lodge and Day Airways are offering a special package as part of the prizes for this outdoors extravaganza, which hasn't been held since 1993, when 21,000 fishermen took part. This year, it's being relaunched by the Toronto Sportsmen's Show and the Toronto Star, and all proceeds from the event, which runs from July 12 to August 30, will go toward rebuilding the depleted stocks of salmon and trout in Lake Ontario.

On the weekend of Sept. 12, all weekly winners will be invited to the Hart Lodge-Day Airways Haliburton Wilderness Bass "Tournament of Champions". They will be hosted by the Hwy 35 lodge and flown by the flight service into wilderness lakes to compete for the largest small or large mouth bass, in an eight-hour, one-day tournament. Invited guests also include the Hunt's Honourary Chairman, Premier Mike Harris and his son; Minister of Natural Resources Chris Hodgson; Toronto Star Managing Editor Lou Clancy; outdoor columnist John Power (as official tournament judge); and Walter Oster, publisher of the Outdoor Canada magazine and chairman of the Candian National Sportsmen's Shows.

Wayne Cowling, the owner of Hart Lodge, says "Barry Day (owner of Day Airways) and I feel that not only our businesses will benefit from this promotion, but also the entire County of Haliburton. We have great fishing and many other features in this county, we only have to tell more people about it. Hart Lodge and Day Airways feel this is a great opportunity to do just that."

Hospitals get reprieve from next year's cuts, but still must cope with this year's

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The province's freeze on hospital cuts next year will bring some welcome relief to the two local hospitals, but that doesn't mean there won't be some pain as the Haliburton Highlands Health Services copes with this fiscal year's cut of 5.2%.

"Certainly it helps us to stabilize our situation without having to look for ways to make further cuts next year," says HHHS executive director Foster Loucks of the announcement made in last week's provincial budget. "By that time we really hope to be in our new facilities so economies of scare can help us to escape these cuts, but we still have this year to deal with."

By law, hospitals are not allowed to project deficits, so quite a lot of juggling had to be done to accommodate the 5% cut, which was twice as much as first expected, or $130,000.

"In a way, (this year's budget) is a bit of a forced fit," Loucks says, hopeful that the projections of other revenue and decreased spending will be fruitful.

One major area of concern is still the Minden hospital. The board is hiring outside doctors 24-hours a day, year-round, to provide emergency care. The province pays for the night shift, but that still leaves the costs of the day clinic and nursing staff. The more people who use the clinic, the better it is for the board, because that means OHIP billings will meet the minimum guaranteed hourly wage for the doctors and there's less need for the board to "top up" the money earned.

"The board is continuing to pay the doctors now but I can't allow that to go on for long," Loucks cautions. "In summer, it's not an issue (because of increased usage by patients), but we can't allow the meter to run after that."

The board is currently negotiating with the Minden Lions Club about taking over management of the club's medical centre next door to the hospital. This would allow the emergency doctors to split their time between the two locations, and there may be opportunities to increase revenues.

Construction of the new Minden site at Hyland Crest and the new 30 long-term care beds at Haliburton Hospital will also allow the board to realize operating cost savings.

As well, Loucks "holds out some hope that the Ministry of Health is developing a rural healthcare policy. As I understand it, the hospital restructuring commission has completed its review of communities where there is more than one hospital and they now have the other 25% of the province to look at. They may be satisfied to leave it (as it is or) there may in fact be some adjustments that come our way."

Noting that cuts to hospital operating grants are supposed to be re-directed to other healthcare initiatives, Loucks says "they take with one hand and give with another. What it requires is someone who doesn't blink."

OPP lay marihuana charges in Stanhope

On May 1, two Criminal Code Search Warrants were executed at a residence and property in Stanhope Township.

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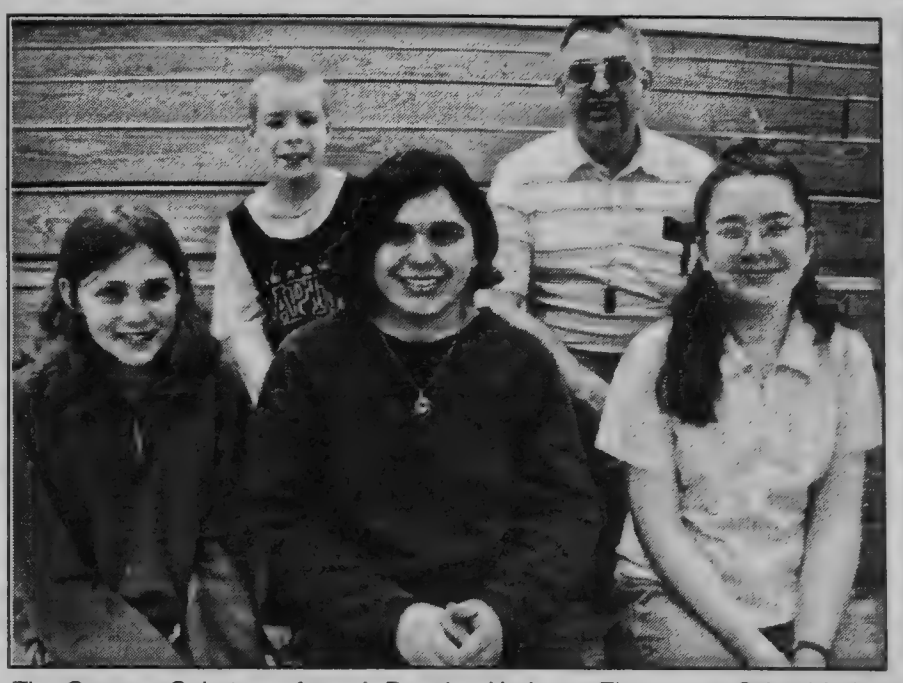

The Campus Quiz team from J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School is headed for the championships on May 20 in Bancroft after winning the semi-finals recently. Team members include Stacy Schell, Tracy Tibbitts, Vanessa smith and Trevor Ottley. Teacher Roy Hoare is the coach.

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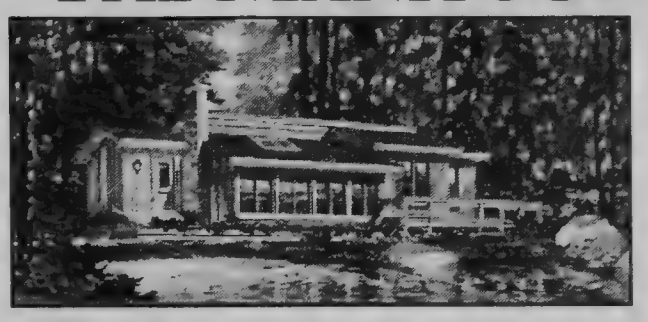

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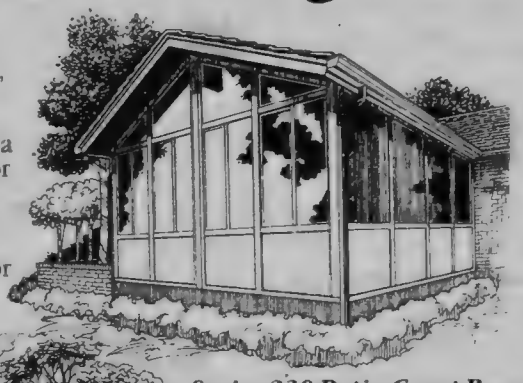

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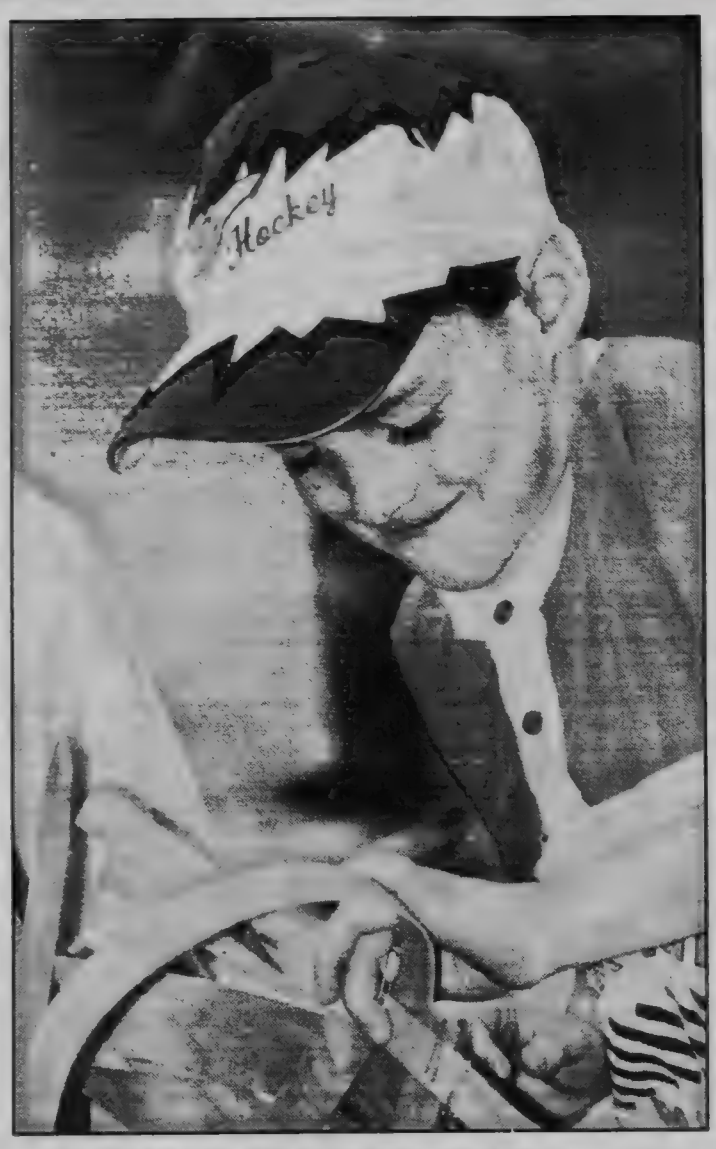

Crafty kids in Wilberforce

THEY SUFFER THEIR ART: Wilberforce Elementary School students strive to learn new art techniques during the May 8 craft fair. (Above) Kindergarten student Kelly Clancy, 6, mastered calligraphy. (Above right) Grade 3 student Daniel Riley, 8, wrestles with the tools of the trade while making his own basket. (Right) Claire Loft brought her brushes and acrylic paints from Harcourt to demonstrate painting techniques.

Using art to entertain and educate kids

WILBERFORCE *News*

Hilda Clark

Congratulations to the students, staff and parent volunteers at Wilberforce School for their Celebration of the Arts last week. Their work culminated in an afternoon of dioramas and other art displays at Lloyd Watson Hall.

The Grade 1 and 2 classes have been using Fairy Tales to develop skills in reading, writing, speaking, listening and presenting, and they were asked to create dioramas of such scenes as the Three Bears Living Room. Several classes gave dramatic presentations from the stage including The Pied Piper. Local artists, at sites around the room, showed and explained their work in ceramics, painting, sketching, paper making, role playing, and the local cloggers gave interactive performances. Millers' Store in Tory Hill treated the children to barbecued hot dogs before the program.

Barb Taylor's Grade 1 class joined Diana Sheridan's Grade 1/2 class for a trip to Toronto's Youth Theatre presentation of Pinnochio at the Convention Centre.

Students of the Week were: in Grade 5/6, Stephanie DeCarlo for significant progress in math; in Grade 1/2, Nicole Watson and Kasey Lewis have reached the 90-book level in their book club; Austin Harris-Saxby in the 1/2 class and Matthew Johnston and Sonny Simmons in Grade 1 all showed excellent co-operation on the bus trip. Bert Alden was the star in Grade 3/4.

Among the upcoming events available to attend is the roast beef dinner by the hard working local Community Police Association. It's a great way to entertain your holiday weekend guests this Saturday at supper time. Look for lots of yard sales and plant sales.

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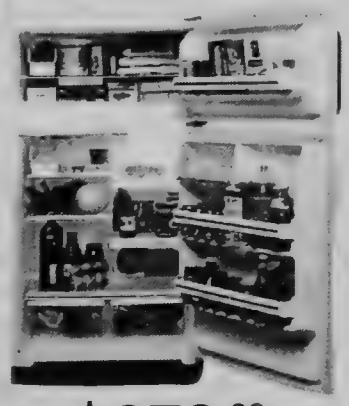

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Students flaunt their entrepreneurial spirit

A group of budding entrepreneurs at Haliburton's high school got a taste of the business world through one of their projects and decided to share it with the public last week.

The Grade 11 and 12 students organized an information fair at the school Tuesday night to display what they've learned about franchises.

"We thought we might get some of the public interested in starting some of these franchises," said Grade 11 student Warren Burke. "I'm not saying all these franchises would work in Haliburton. It's just to let people know what's around."

Students in teacher Irv Sternberg's entrepreneurship classes were required to do research projects on franchises of their choice. Each of the teens sent out query letters to five companies asking for basic information about them and how to start up a franchise.

Some of the companies sent videos, posters and magazines along with their brochures.

Rather than keeping the information to themselves, one of the students, Rob Flewelling, recommended organizing a franchise fair for the community.

Burke said he enjoyed the hand-on project.

"Most classes you sit there and do your work. This allows you to get involved."

"It's real life," said Sternberg. "They don't teach you in a textbook how to put together a letter to send out to a business to find out how to open a franchise."

The project also allowed students to follow what types of business opportunities may be suited to their interests.

THEY MEAN BUSINESS: Entrepreneurship students at HHSS held an information fair last week to show the public what they had learned about the world of franchises. Participating students included: ((front, from left) Karin Aschenbrenner, Warren Burke, Megan Merriam, Janine Kelly, Amanda Robar, (back, from left) April Anderson, Amanda Hill, Tara Sisson, Morgan Stackhouse, Frederic Simmons, Les Wilson, Keven Harrison and Angela Holt.

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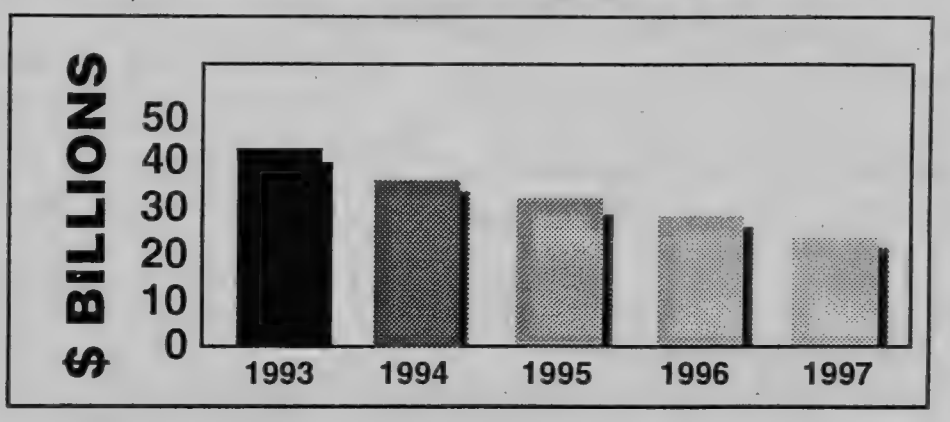

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Missing the signs of heart disease

'Women aren't paying attention to their bodies and are dying at an alarming rate'

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

VOLUNTEERS WITH HEART: Receiving their five-year pins were, from left, Al Gostock, Fern Donnelly, Alice Jones, George Bartley, Norma Douglas, Ev Stata, Morris Duff, Adele Barnes and Jan McMaster.

If women's healthcare needs are to be met, then both women and their doctors are going to have to realize the serious risk posed by heart disease, local Heart and Stroke Foundation volunteers were told at Friday night's appreciation dinner.

"Women are not paying attention to their bodies and are dying from heart disease at an alarming rate," Linda Black, area co-ordinator for the Foundation, told the 65 volunteers gathered for dinner at Our Lady of Fatima church. Seventy percent of women surveyed felt breast cancer was their most serious health risk, and yet last year, 38,000 Canadian women died of heart disease – eight times more than died of breast cancer. (Studies show that overall, 28% of deaths are attributed to cancer, while heart disease accounts for 41%.)

Alarmingly, because heart disease is not seen as a serious risk for women, "while men recover, women are dying before their time because we do not know the risk."

Women face the same risk factors as men – smoking, family history, high blood pressure and high cholesterol rates. But they also have the additional factors of menopause and such things as hormone replacement therapies.

"Doctors pay attention to men, who tend to have classic symptoms," says Black, and women's symptoms are often attributed to something else, partly because women tend to ignore chest pain. A man may ask to have heart tests and a women will say she's feeling fine, it's probably just the 'flu making her so nauseous and achy. Even when heart disease is diagnosed, men tend to undergo more aggressive treatments than women.

She warned that if women are experiencing signals of heart disease, "time is the most important thing you have on your side" and medical help should be sought immediately.

Black said there's more need for gender-specific research – research that is largely paid for through the heroic fundraising efforts by people such as those gathered in the church hall in Minden.

In the recent door-to-door campaign, volunteer canvassers in Haliburton County raised $15,300 ($2,000 less than last year but above the target of $14,000.) Other events, such as Ski for Heart, Jump Rope for Heart and Swim for Heart, raised an additional $29,000.

Across the country, volunteers raised more than $5-million to help the fight against Canada's number one killer.

Local chapter president Barbara Hodgson said there's always a need for more volunteers. Time commitments can be as little as a few hours of canvassing a year, or joining the board and helping to plan events. "It's not a life commitment – maybe just 15 to 20 years," the 25-year veteran joked.

A second guest speaker, Duncan Campbell, the Foundation's provincial development representative, said that almost 65% of the money raised is done on a local level, the rest coming from such things as the lottery and direct mail campaigns. The Foundation is the second largest fundraiser outside the United Way.

"I'm truly honoured to be invited to these (volunteer appreciation) events," he said. "We're associated with one of the most successful fundraising agencies."

However, local canvasser Alice Jones said she received several negative comments about the Foundation's voracity for fundraising. It used to be that February was Heart month, and people willingly made their annual donation. Now they feel they are being repeatedly asked for money throughout the year. "They feel it goes on and on.... They're not happy."

Campbell acknowledged donor burn-out, but said in these days of government cutbacks and rising costs, people are going to find they're asked for much more by more groups. People will have to make choices about which groups to support and how often they should do it.

The two guest speakers were appropriately thanked by Jack Spencley, who is "deeply indebted" to the Foundation after being given a new lease on life 10 years ago by quadruple bypass surgery. Sadly, as Black's speech indicated, his first wife, Agnes, died suddenly from heart disease. "The same type of attention isn't paid to women as it is to men," he agreed.

Thanks were also given to all the volunteers who had worked so diligently and willingly for the Foundation. As Barbara Hodgson noted, "it's really hard to canvas in February. I think it's slightly worse than coping with the blackflies."

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Women's centre hopes to build membership

The Women's Health Care Centre helps women of Peterborough and surrounding area to increase control over and improve their health by providing information, support, counselling and treatment.

It is looking for new members. Especially welcome are women living in poverty, rural women, older women, women of colour, women with disabilities, aboriginal women and lesbians.

If you think you would be interested, please call (705) 743-4132 for more information.

Keenan O'Connor and Joel Potter help Jamie Woodman paste an ad onto a page flat at the Haliburton Echo. Keenan and Joel had previously created the ad on the computers while job shadowing the paper's Production Department.

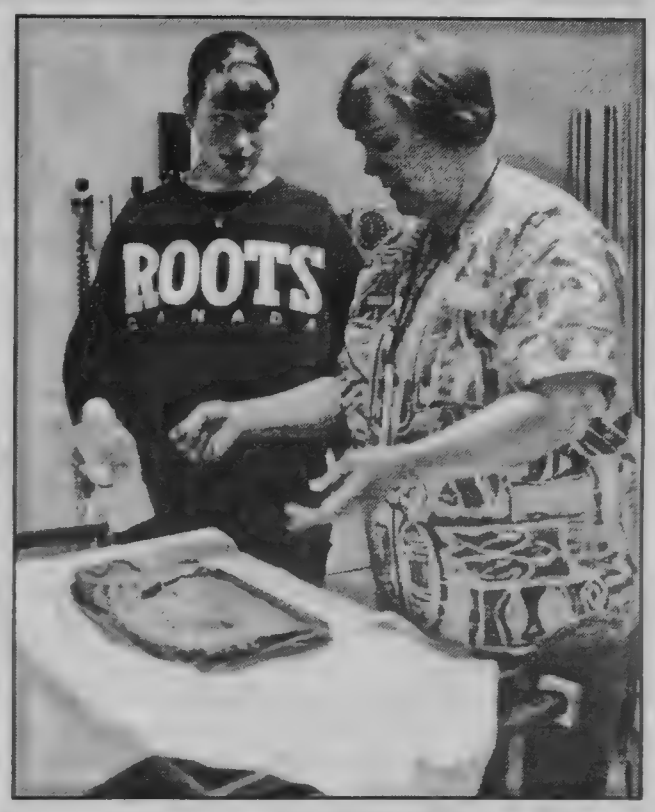
Scot Curry works on the computer with Cybertech co-owner Tanya Rosenberg. While learning more about computers he scans pictures to make a t-shirt.

JDHES casts shadows on Haliburton

• Students find out how the working world works •

Jamie Luck and Liane Dron check out the dark room while shadowing in the Echo's editorial department

Ryan Emmerson and Jamie Doan help stock Glen Sharpley Sports as part of their job shadowing experience. Here they help by unpacking and hanging up wetsuits for the upcoming summer season.



Kerry Schakelaar helps registered nurse Lynne Johnston prepare sterilized equipment in between patients in the emergency room at the Haliburton Hospital. In the morning Kerry shawdowed in the physiotherapy department. Jenna Benoit also shadowed at the hospital.

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The Haliburton County Home Builders would like to thank many local businesses who helped in the success of this year's show.

Supporting the Children's Lego booth were Minden Home Hardware, The Times, Ridgewood Ford, Wintergreen Maple Syrup all of Minden; Dawson Insurance Brokers and Stedman's V & S, both of Haliburton; the Haliburton Fire Department, Dr. Bimm and Dr. Urabe of Peterborough and Simcoe Block of Bracebridge.

Many of the exhibitors, including the Home Builders' Association, held draws at the closing of the show. The winners were:

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Eagle Lake inventor reels in award nomination for his Fisherman's Caddy

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Fisherman's Caddy, which was invented by Eagle Lake resident Chris Bishop, has been nominated for the prestigious Manning Award, which promotes the recognition of Canadian innovators.

The 21,000 fishermen who now own one of the hip-hugging products have already given their vote of approval. Last Christmas, the Fisherman's Caddy was among the top 50 sellers in the sporting good departments of WalMart stores across the country. It's also sold at Canadian Tire and countless independent sporting good stores. A new corrosion-proof version has just been developed for salt water fishing.

Bishop says in the recent sales of 17,000 Caddies, which allow fishermen to keep their hands free while fishing, there was not one return. "It's unheard of in the industry."

Although Fisherman's Caddy is now sold in 10 countries, the trick is to dip into the vast American market. With 50 million fishermen in the United States, even reaching one or two percent of them would make Bishop happy. Last fall he hired a U.S. marketing and sales director, and hopes to soon be making a big splash south of the border.

Enthusiasm for the product in Canada should be a good omen. As well as being encouraged by sales, Bishop has been pleased to see his product worn in such television shows as Canadian Sports Fishing, Infoplenair in Quebec and Rod and Reel Streamside in the United States.

Steve Kennedy, who works in the warehouse where the Fisherman's Caddy is made, is also a big supporter, and it was Kennedy who nominated Bishop for the Manning Award. There are 76 nominations vying for the $100,000 Principal Award, the $25,000 Award of Distinction and the two $5,000 Innovation Awards.

The Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation is a national, privately funded, non-profit organization established in 1980 in honour of the legacy of the former Alberta premier (and father of Reform leader Preston Manning.)

Early Manning Awards were presented to innovators in medical research, plant genetics, the transmission of light, work with the mentally handicapped, fire fighting, metallurgy, underwater vehicles, electronics, telecommunications and other fields.

Last year the main winner was the inventor of the V-Chip which allows parents to screen what children are watching on television.

"With all my luck, this year I'll be up against someone who came up with a method for cold fusion," Bishop jokes.

Well, in that regard he's safe. Nominations this year include the developers of a three-dimensional ultrasound imaging system, an anti-theft newspaper box for apartment dwellers, a flash-card system which shows parents how to teach the beginning reader, degradable plastics, and a portable skating rink.

Nominations are now being evaluated and the award winners will be announced on October 20 at the 16th Annual National Awards Ceremonies.

CATCHING ATTENTION: Haliburton businessman Chris Bishop, right, who invented and produces the Fisherman's Caddy, has been nominated for a prestigious Manning Award, which recognizes Canadian innovators. One of the hip-hugging invention's supporters is Italo Labignan, a host of Canadian Sports Fishing. A life-size photo of Labignan, left, is in Bishop's Haliburton office, catching as many curious stares as he does fish.

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Every Thursday **LINE DANCING** at the H.C.H.S.S. Drop In Centre 10:00am - 11:30am Seniors 55+ and/or physically challenged 18+

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May 12 **HALIBURTON COUNTY VET SERVICES PROGRAM.** Follow up meeting on "Hoof & Leg Care of Farm Animals", 7:00pm at Joe & Casey Cox's farm, Horseshoe Lake Rd., Minden. Demonstration by Brian Vanderdleyn. For more info, 754-3036.

May 13 **HALIBURTON CROSS COUNTRY SKI CLUB GENERAL MEETING.** 7:30pm at The Moose. All members encouraged to bring their comments and suggestions.

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MMM, MMM, GOOD: As part of Community Helpers Month, Marion Markowski and his apprentice, Agnes Markowska, of Rachel's Bakery, whipped up a nutritious and delicious treat for the children at WeeCare. By combining ice cubes, icing sugar, frozen fruit and yogurt in a blender, he gave the children a sweet treat to dip their cookies into. Markowski's son Peter, and Stephanie Wagg ate up every spoonful.

Home Show returns with more than 100 exhibitors

The 19th Haliburton Home and Vacation Show is May 30, 31 and June 1 at the Dysart Arena and Curling Club.

The show features over 100 exhibitors with answers to all your home and cottage needs. This year's show would like to welcome first timers: BICC Pyrotenax, Camp YMCA Wanakita, Wilderness Tours (White Water Rafting), Lakeshore Property Management, Jenkins Musical Instruments, Four Seasons Sunrooms, Northern Lights Embroidery and Design, Boshkung Lake Tree Service, Glenn Diesel Woodworking, Penn Ventilation, Olga, Kevin Dunlop, L & R Art, Fred Simmons, Fenelon Machine Shop, TMIAC Boats, and many other new attractions including a large craft and decorating area. Once again the Curling Club will be cooking great burgers and serving cold beer in the large beer tent. The show uses the large area in front of the Curling Club as an outdoor display area. Admission to the show is $1 for adults, children are free. There is ample free parking in close proximity.

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Saxophone lesson hits all the right notes with music students

by **MARIA CALABRESE**
Staff Reporter

J. Douglas Hodgson and Archie Stouffer elementary students put away their pens and paper on May 5 — the only notes they were making were of the musical variety when sought-after saxophone great Paul Brodie performed and taught a class on woodwind technique at the Legion Hall.

Haliburton was lucky to get its hands on the music man who is in demand from coast to coast and beyond for his musical stylings and off-beat (so to speak) teaching techniques.

There was a lot of fidgeting amongst the young ingenues to reach for the brass buttons, but Brodie had a bit of advice to share about those tedious technical tips that every great sax player must learn before an attempt is made to tame the musical tool.

Perfect posture, choosing the right reed, knowing where to place the reed on the mouthpiece, having a well-fitting ligature and knowing exactly how to wrap lips and teeth around the mouthpiece make all the difference between sounding like musician, or a migrating flock of Canada Geese, which is not quite what Adolphe Sax had in mind when he invented the thing over 140 years ago.

Thanks to Brodie's animated lessons and enthusiasm for the woodwind, he gave these budding baritone, tenor, alto and clarinet players the instruction to develop into more proficient players, if not on stage, then at least in the classroom.

MUSICIANS OR FLOCK OF GEESE? To make sure that a saxophone sounds like Adolphe Sax intended it to, Paul Brodie gives a lesson on proper blowing style

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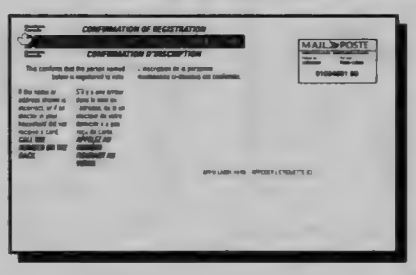
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Murder Pattern

The lines between fact and fiction blur in a play which dramatizes a real-life murder in Lutterworth

Feature by Martha Perkins

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Fact: Lou Porter was shot to death.

Fact: He was murdered near what is now Hwy. 35, just a few hundred metres from Camp Kilcoo south of Minden. His murderer hid his body in some nearby rocks, and it was not found until a few days later.

Fact: His sister's husband would eventually confess to the crime and was sentenced to death. An appeal to Ottawa had society's ounce of flesh commuted to life in prison. Several years later, after a personal appeal by his Member of Parliament, Sir Sam Hughes, the murderer was sent back home to Lutterworth to die. It would be his body's weakness to illness and not a hangman's noose that would bring about his end a short time later.

These aren't enough facts to give even the indomitable Sherlock Holmes a chance to answer the remaining questions of how, where, when, and, most importantly, why. But like the origins of the famous sleuth, it's the fiction surrounding this case which makes it very, very interesting indeed.

Fact: Several weeks ago, CBC Stereo broadcast a play about a murder south of Minden in 1905. The play, *Murder Pattern*, was written by the late Herman Voaden and performed at the Shaw Festival as part of the Bell Canada Reading Series.

Fact: After hearing an interview about the production on CBC's Ontario Morning, a certain editor of a weekly newspaper made sure she turned into CBC Stereo that night. While she was listening, she realized she "knew" this murder. Someone she had interviewed had told her about it. Who?

Fact: Two days after the radio broadcast, this same editor sat at the dining room table at John and Freda Hulbig's house in Lutterworth. She brought with her a portable stereo and a tape she had made of the play. The three of them sat and listened to it together, setting out on their own murder investigation, more than eighty years after the murder had taken place. Fellow fans of Sherlock Holmes are invited to join in...

In 1936, Herman Voaden was the head of the English department at Central High School of Commerce in Toronto. His wife, Violet (née Kilpatrick), had been a teacher in

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The Murdered Man

Shortly before Louis Porter was murdered, he posed with his family in front of his parents' home, which was halfway up the hill from Braeside Lodge. The photo shows his wife Ada Porter (who later married John Hulbig), his mother Effie, Porter himself, his sister and a friend. It's believed that Porter won the hat he is wearing in a card game. It would be found next to his body, which was dragged up a wooded hill beside present-day Hwy 35 and, it's believed, dropped behind some rocks.

The Murdering Man

Lou's sister, Mary, married Hec Ellis and died while giving birth to their third child. Lou blamed Hec for not preventing her death and bad blood developed between the two, culminating in Hec laying in wait behind a tree to shoot his brother-in-law to death. In this family photo, taken after Mary gave birth to her third child, are Lou Porter Sr., Mary Ellis with baby Gordon, Effie Porter, Hec Ellis, Dayton Ellis and Mary Porter, Mary's first child, who was born of wedlock and was the mother of Adrian Lee.

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Playwright turns rural isolation into a malevolent force

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Lutterworth in 1925, and while there, taught the children of both the murdered man and the murderer. She told the story to her husband, they came up to the area for a visit, and he wrote *Murder Pattern* as his school's entry in the Dominion Drama Festival.

Cast your mind back to the 1930s and what Voaden's impression may have been. It would have taken him a full day's travel to get to Lutterworth. It was the middle of the Depression so the region, which had always been poor, looked even poorer still. There was no electricity, telephones, indoor plumbing. Most children quit school after they passed their entrance exam in Grade 8. Their parents' hard work often went unrewarded, the soil unsuitable for farming, their income insufficient to move elsewhere.

It's important that you try to see what this young teacher from Toronto would have seen, because to a modern-day listener, who can fly to the islands to shake off the February blues, Voaden's vision seems to encompass a foreign land.

"Life stood still... no fresh blood... life moved backwards towards evil... soiled snow melted in silence now that light fades, darkness.. a sinuous pall over the fields and woods and waters... four shots... night and solitude... lone moon disc whitens farms... pity the isolated hill folk fearful... silence and endless darkness..."

Winter becomes an almost malevolent force in *Murder Pattern*. It freezes solid all hope. The white snow can do nothing to lighten the long, dark evenings in isolated cabins. The Highlands' life force becomes a death force, at least until spring with its promise of freedom under the sun.

Voaden was trying to do with words what the Group of Seven did with paint – create their own, home-grown image of Canada, no longer a colony but a place in its own right, complete with its own myths and mystique.

For him, nature provides a dramatic backdrop to a story which, with his pen, rivals the murderous animosity of the Black Donnellys. As a mythmaker, he likely ascribes to the view that you should never let the truth get in the way of a good story.

Murder Pattern tells the story of Steven Doan (Lou Porter) of Gore Road. He is a devilish man, mean to his wife, mean to his neighbours, and even more beligerant when drunk. Rumour has it that he sets fires to the barns of people who make him mad. Everyone is fearful of his temper, and more particularly, of his expert aim with a rifle.

He was "a giant who feared no man, his strength was the strength of three."

One of the people terrified of this strength was Jack Davis (Hec Ellis) who had married Doan's sister. Bitterness between the two men intensified when Davis's wife/Doan's sister dies in childbirth. Davis walks eight miles to the village to get the doctor, but when they return, mother and child are dead. Doan vows that Davis will join the unfortunate woman in the grave.

For three years, Davis lives in silent fear. Dreams turn to nightmares as the fear takes shape in darkness. He starts to hear voices telling him that if Doan was to die, the entire community would be grateful. Everyone would feel safer.

The murder itself takes seconds. Bang. Bang. Bang. Bang.

The evil force is silenced but the voices continue.

Gossip starts. The community speaks. Doan had it coming... No man, no matter how mean, deserves to be shot to death... Do you notice how there haven't been any fires since Doan died?

"I can't stand it any more," Davis says to his empty cabin. "I'll give myself up. Tomorrow."

A trial is held, overseen by a modern Greek chorus of voices. Davis speaks out in his own defence. "He was after me, I swear to God he was after me... Just because he was bigger than me he thought he could bully me... I keep seeing Annie lying in her box, her look accusing me. It got on my nerves until it got the only thing I could do was... what I did."

"Don't be deterred by sentiment for the accused," says the prosecutor. "What about sympathy for the dead man, his wife and five children? "His character should not be besmerched... When something went wrong, he was blamed and made the scapegoat."

The jury listens to all the voices and delivers its verdict – guilty.

The Minister of Justice has more pity than the jury and commutes the death sentence to life imprisonment.

Years pass in those northern, dark hills. One, two, three, four, five. In the sixth spring, "the dark earth warms to a curious sun... The warm, rich summer drowses in lakeland."

On August 5, 1912, the jail warden tells Davis he's free to go home. Coughing, his lungs filled with that terrible heaviness, Davis knows they are sending him home to die. He sleeps, surrounded by calm until October 7. "The end to this circled fire of life. It burns no longer... There is but silence."

Silence fills the Hulbigs' house as the tape ends. For the past half hour, there has been few sounds except a few murmurs from John Hulbig. His mother, Ada, was Lou Porter's wife, the woman left widowed with five children to raise, a sixth when she married John Hulbig and had John.

"I think it's one-sided by quite a bit," says Mr. Hulbig, acting as judge and jury of the play's plot. "I think because Lou Porter couldn't read and write and didn't have, let's say, a high mission in life, I think he was unjustly criticized.

"The play says he was lazy but he was getting into the lumber business and was a good hunter and trapper... I never heard Mother say a word against him. I think they got along well."

Indeed, when the *Echo* phoned Mr. Hulbig, it interrupted him in the midst of writing the sequel to his first book, *Whispering Pines*, which tells the story of Lutterworth through the Hulbig family's experiences. This new book will have a chapter devoted to the murder. In essence, according to Mr. Hulbig, the playwright had the characters switched.

Porter (Doan), he writes, "was second to none when it came to lumbering, fishing, hunting and trapping. When he was a boy, he lived a month at a time with a band of Native People who had wig-wams set up, probably on the level sandy shore of Gull Lake where Onondaga Camp is today. Here he was taught the secrets of Indian living."

In July of 1899, Porter married Ada Gillbard against the wishes of her mother, Matilda. "Maybe he didn't have much education and her mother came from England and mayber she expected more," Mr. Hulbig says. Nevertheless, when the wedding day came, Matilda accepted it with grace, giving the newlyweds a two-year-old heffer and rocking chair as a wedding present. (The heffer was dinner long time ago but the rocking chair still rocks in the Hulbigs' living room.)

Louis and Ada built a cabin across the Cameron Road from his parents, and then bought her parents' home. They had five children and as Mr. Hulbig recounts it, all worked together to make a living. And they were industious workers. He describes the efforts they went to, including making their own ammuni-

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The Modern-day Sleuths

Last week, Adrian Lee, right, whose grandmother was married to Hec Ellis, took John Hulbig, whose mother was married to Lou Porter, to the site where Ellis shot Porter on the old Cameron Road.

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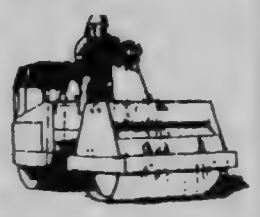

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Body found uphill from murder site

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tion for Lou's pride and joy, a 30-30 Winchester rifle with a long barrel.

One night in spring – Mr. Hulbig says it was April 12, 1912, not 1905 as in the play – Porter was walking home along Cameron Road after visiting his mother. "Normally he used a trail that ran through the bush but melting snow made the snow too soft." He approached a large hemlock tree, where unbeknownst to him, his sister's husband was waiting for him with a loaded gun in his hand. There were three shots, Mr. Hulbig says. The first missed Porter, the second hit his arm and the third, fatal shot was in his back.

A search started when Porter didn't return home, and Mr. Hulbig's mother was one of the people who went door to door, asking if anyone had heard of or seen her husband. She went to the house of Porter's brother-in-law and was shocked to see fresh blood on his clothes. He said he had just killed a pig.

Blood was also found on the road near the tree, but no body. For three days they searched, until finally, it was found on a rocky ledge, half a mile north of where Porter was believed to have been shot. Chester Kellett found the body, and beside it was George Kellett's felt hat, which Porter had won in a card game at a logging camp.

The brother-in-law, Hec Ellis, would finally confess, but for years there was speculation that he hadn't acted alone.

Mr. Hulbig says that among the Porter family, they believed the murderer had neglected his wife, Mary, who was Porter's favourite sister, and let her die while giving birth to their fourth child. "George Kellett told me that during the night, when the baby came prematurely, there was a big snowstorm. After seeing his wife had a problem, he left her alone to see if he could get help. The snow was above his knees as he walked to the nearest neighbour, some two miles away, who had a team and sleigh. Maybe with so much stress and strain during the winter, he may have had mental problems at the time."

A Search for the Truth

Mr. Lee was told the body was dumped behind a rock at the top of the hill. Mr. Hulbig thinks they should look a bit farther up, because he heard the body was thrown down a short cliff.

He says we should talk to 81-year-old Adrian Lee, who lives near Norland. His mother, Edith, was born out of wedlock to Mary, who would become Hec Ellis's wife. Edith was 16 years old when her mother was giving birth to the Ellises' third child, Dolly, and it was after giving birth to Dolly that Mary died.

Mr. Lee needs little prompting to start talking about an event which happened 85 years ago but is very much still present in his family lore.

"The story I'm giving to us is the true story, handed to me by my mother. She was a witness, and she was old enough to go to court as a witness," he says with the same determination that will later propel him up the hill where he says Porter's body was dragged.

He too defends the character of the murdered man. "He was an easy going family man, but see, his sister – my grandmother – married Hec Ellis. She was having a baby. It isn't a lie, it's the truth. A midwife said to Hec 'you'd better get to Minden to get the doctor.' He said 'To heck with that, mares have a foal without a doctor' and he wouldn't go."

Eventually, he could see that he should go, and when he returned with the doctor, "the doctor just shook his head and said 'I can't save her.' She bled to death. Lou Porter said he'd kick the heck out of (Hec) for letting his sister die. It would be the same with you if your sister died through the neglect of her husband. You'd be uptight, too."

(Contrary to the play, the baby, Dolly, did survive.)

Mr. Lee offers to take us to the murder site. "I know where he was shot, sure, and I know where Hec dragged him and he wasn't alone, either. But he never snitched on the fellow."

To hear Mr. Lee tell it, not snitching was one of the few noble things Hec Ellis ever did. He saves his praise for the Porter family. "They were easy going people, every one of them, just kind farmer people... These are the things that happen."

So, on a sunny spring day, Mr. Lee, all limbered up for a summer picking ginseng, Mr. Hulbig carrying his video camera, and this writer meet on a quiet crescent of road which begins and ends on Hwy. 35 just north of the Kilcoo entrance. No cars pass except for those out-of-

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How did Ellis single-handedly carry body up hill?

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sight on the highway, the other side of the hill where Hec Ellis lay in wait for Lou Porter.

Mr. Lee remembers the precise spot because he passed it often on buggy with his mother. "I was maybe 10 when I was told," he says, puffing on a cigarette before the big climb. "Mother was a great one to believe in ghosts and she was afraid to come by here" because of the blood that was left seeping into the gravel road.

As the hill is climbed, it's easy to see (feel) how locals believed Ellis couldn't have acted alone. The ascent is steep, wooded and fairly long. Almost at the crest of the hill, Mr. Lee stops. See that pile of rocks? Maybe it's a marker where the body was found. Since Mr. Hulbig's version of the story has Porter being thrown down behind some large rocks, he wants to climb higher and we follow. The hill levels out for several metres and then, just as Mr. Hulbig has guessed, there's a small rock cliff. Today, passersby on Hwy. 35 could see us, or a murderer, standing there and throwing a body over the edge, but back in 1912, Hwy. 35 didn't exist. Only the forest animals would wonder.

But there's one more local voice to listen to, historian Nila Reynolds. On page 184 of *In Quest of Yesterday*, she writes:

"The feud between the men who both lived near Gull Lake was of long standing. They were both trappers and one version of their story claims the initial dispute arose over the ownership of a trap line....

"Matters came to a head one spring day when one brother-in-law, hidden by the trunk of a balsam tree near Highway 35, seven or eight miles south of Minden, watched the other set out to check his traps. Both carried rifles. What occurred in the fatal hour, no one living can say. During his trial, the accused man claimed he had been threatened with the other's rifle and he shot in self defence. 'It was either him or me,' he pleaded.

"Shots were heard that day at the construction site of the new dam at Moore's Falls, but they were atrributed to hunters. When the dead trapper did not return, it was assumed that he had met with an accident and a search was organized which eventually included the dam workers and the Mickle and Dyment drivers passing through Gull Lake. For over a week they combed the rough terrain in all directions until a searcher stumbled on the bullet riddled body caught on a ledge above a small lake less than a mile from the shooting.

"The brother-in-law was arrested and detained at Minden until the hearing held in the county building which drew curious spectators from all over the district.

"After lengthy proceedings, the judge extracted a confession. An attempt was made to determine how

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Final Resting Place?

Today, you can see Hwy 35 (just a few hundred metres north of the entrance to Camp Kilcoo) from the cliff from which Mr. Hulbig believes Hec Ellis might have been tossed Lou Porter's body. Mr. Lee points out that in 1912, the highway didn't exist so no one would have seen the body. Mr. Lee was told the rough location of the hidden body by his mother, who was Hec Ellis' step-daughter. "Mother was a great one to believe in ghosts and she was afraid to come by here" because of the blood that was left seeping into the gravel road.

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Sinner or saint? Probably somewhere in between

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the accused, a slightly build man weighing no more than 160 pounds, could carry the victim, weighing at least 240 pounds, three quarters of a mile over rough country. Without thinking, the witness badgered beyond endurance, answered, 'Oh, we managed it.'

"Like lightning, the judge followed up, 'and who was we?'

"No amount of cross examination could provoke more information. Nor did the court at the fall assizes in Lindsay have more success when the prisoner's life was at stake...

"The condemned man's only statement was to the effect that he regretted that he had not given himself up after the shooting. Although he was sentenced to hang, mercy prevailed after the defence lawyer made a trip to Ottawa where his impassioned pleas resulted in a commutation to life imprisonment.

"When it was learned that the condemned man had contracted a fatal disease in prison, Sir Sam Hughes, Crown Attorney Stinson and a petition from Minden residents, persuaded the authorities to allow him to come home. After nine long years the survivor of the Lutterworth tragedy returned; some of Minden's older citizens remember him during his ebbing life, a shrunken figure basking in the sunshine on the verandah of one of the village's hotels. He died that summer..."

"As so often happens, a place like that solitary stretch of Lutterworth road where the shooting occurred, earned a peculiar reputation; the spilling of human blood is apt to arouse dormant superstitions in even the strongest personalities. For local people, the balsam tree that once hid a killer became a spot to be shunned by night travellers. There was nothing specific, just dark hints and whispered evasions."

So what is fact and what is fiction? There are places where the two merge before they continue on divergent paths. And if you're not prepared to trust a playwright, how much can you trust the memories of local residents, each of whom will tell the story with their own bias, depending on whether they liked either Lou Porter or Hec Ellis?

Mr. Hulbig and Mr. Lee are definitely in the camp of Lou Porter.

"It wouldn't be a story if you couldn't make a villain out of it," says Mr. Hulbig of the play's version. "I'm not disputing that Lou was overbearing. Let's put it this way, he didn't give much of a hoot for anybody. George Kellett told me Lou was blamed for a lot of things but after he died, these things still occurred. I think some of the people at the time were down on him. He was a pretty good trapper and maybe a jealousy arose...

"Whether Lou was a saint or sinner, I have no way of knowing. I suspect he was like many of us today. He was somewhere in between."

For one last viewpoint, we phoned Anton Wagner in Toronto. Not only is he Herman Voaden's literary executor – the playwright died in 1991 – but Wagner also did his PhD on Voaden's plays.

"I'm sure the play wasn't just an historical re-creation," Mr. Wagner says. Although Mr. Voaden went to the Lindsay courthouse to look up the trial transcripts, "there were different takes on how to tell the story. As well, they had a different approach to documentary theatre then. Today it would be more factual."

Several years ago, Messrs. Voaden and Wagner went to the old Lutterworth school house where Violet Voaden had taught and listened to the stories. Many of those stories told of "dark incidents. Because it was so isolated, a lot of nasty things did happen."

Nowadays, with people baring their souls and exposing their innermost secrets every afternoon on television talk shows, those dark incidents don't stay in the shadows of life. But in the early days of Haliburton, when there were no radios, no televisions and many lonely hours to pass, the Lou Porter/Hec Ellis saga was worthy of a few myths. And Herman Voaden's imagination was worthy of a few embellishments along the way towards creating a purely Canadian drama.

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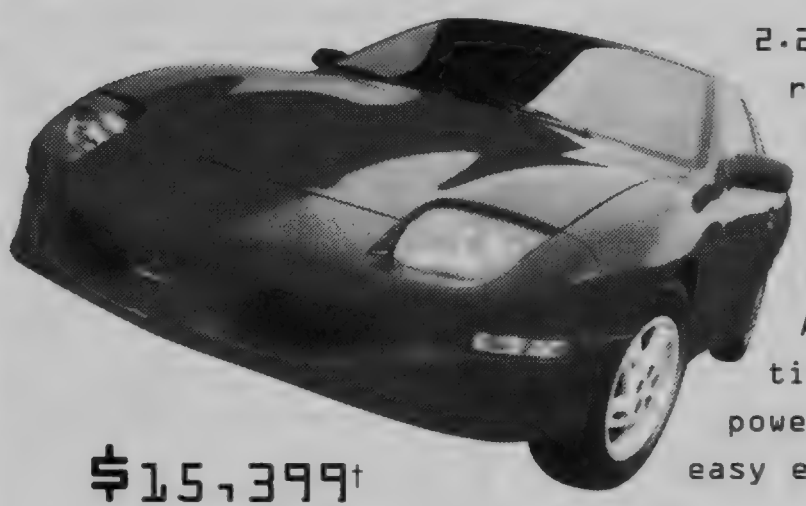

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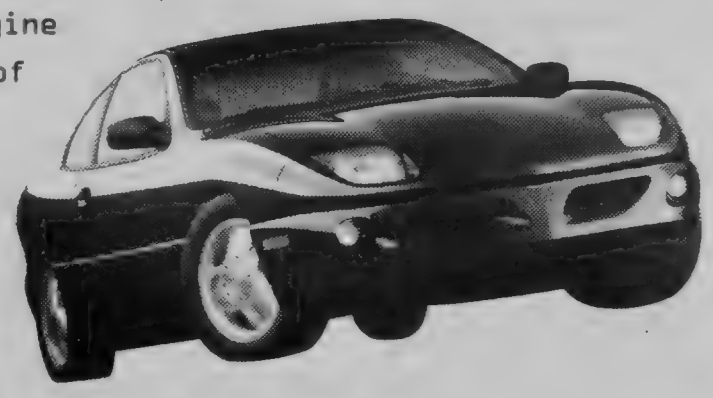

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Rhubarb Festival plans starting to take root

From the RHUBARB PATCH

Ruth Still

Yes, for those who have enquired, the plump, pink rhubarb sprouts are appearing through their straw coverlets.

Simultaneously, the first meetings of the Rhubarb Committee have been held in order to plan Rhubarb Festival '97 on July 19 and to decide what features should be added to our beach park.

Spring is baby shower season and our community will host three such events for the newborns of Aletha and Harold Vince, Lisa and Jason Nimigon and Dawn and Jeff Bain.

On Sunday, May 4, "A Celebration of the Sanctuary Renovation" at Eagle Lake Church was well attended followed by a reception and social time. We are grateful to all who worked on this renovation and are all pleased with the results.

Recently, a friend deplored the lack of public washroom facilities in Haliburton, for local shoppers and especially for tourists. So I investigated.

Curry Motors has the only public washrooms in the village, open only during garage hours and for which you must obtain a key.

There are washrooms downstairs in Stedmans mall, but they're meant for shoppers only. These are maintained by the owner of the mall and cleaned daily, but the vandalism in the men's washroom is especially horrendous.

Because of the vandalism the municipality has abdicated responsibility in this area. They feel that each business should provide facilities for its own clients, this is not a taxpayers' responsibility.

During the summer the municipality does support monitored washrooms at Rotary Beach.

In at least Europe and Mexico a public washroom is presided over by an attendant to whom you pay the charge and receive the requisite amount of toilet paper. Privacy is minimal.

Might be a good idea - create a job, limit vandalism by making it very public, and give us a keener appreciation for the facilities we now have!

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, INHABITANTS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

We have examined the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton for the year ended December 31, 1996 from which the accompanying summary financial statements have been prepared. We have reported on the consolidated financial statements without qualification on March 11, 1997. In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements fairly summarize the information contained in the consolidated financial statements upon which we have reported.

Humpage Taylor McDonald
Chartered Accountants, Peterborough, Ontario, March 11, 1997

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
At December 31, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED		
Cash	896,814	127,792
Accounts receivable	886,404	1,438,818
Prepaid expenses	8,122	-
Long term receivable	-	4,326
	1,791,340	1,570,936
RESTRICTED		
Cash	15,488	14,978
Capital Outlay To Be Financed By Long Term Liabilities And To Be Recovered In Future Years	-	8,750
	1,806,828	**1,594,664**
LIABILITIES AND MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,160,261	954,931
Other current liabilities	3,875	3,875
Due to trust funds	-	6,885
	1,164,136	965,691
Net Long Term Liabilities	-	8,750
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR		
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	(7,626)	(5,146)
Unexpended capital financing (or capital operations not yet permanently financed)	(150,000)	(43,302)
Reserves	784,830	653,693
Reserve fund	15,488	14,978
	642,692	620,223
	1,806,828	**1,594,664**

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Budget 1996 $	Actual 1996 $	Actual 1995 $
SOURCES OF FINANCING:			
TAXATION AND USER CHARGES			
Requisition on local municipalities	2,936,818	2,940,977	2,938,471
User charges	851,249	879,705	894,729
GRANTS			
Government of Canada	199,427	213,112	119,007
Province of Ontario	7,233,735	7,302,353	8,701,508
OTHER			
Investment income	24,250	9,141	26,450
Contribution from trust fund	17,511	850	34,083
Sale of land	30,000	-	-
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR			
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	-	(5,146)	-
Unexpended capital financing (or capital outlay not yet permanently financed)	(43,302)	(43,302)	-
Total Financing Available During The Year	**11,249,588**	**11,297,690**	**12,714,248**

THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Budget 1996 $	Actual 1996 $	Actual 1995 $
APPLIED TO:			
CURRENT OPERATIONS			
General government	298,000	301,857	305,202
Protection to persons and property	1,000	1,000	1,000
Transportation services	2,980,938	2,875,925	3,328,717
Health services	128,000	128,668	127,568
Social and family services	6,965,669	7,009,528	8,096,631
Recreation and cultural services	240,454	247,459	287,723
Planning and development	121,282	111,142	120,830
	10,735,343	10,675,579	12,260,771
CAPITAL			
General government	553,863	557,235	257,601
Transportation services	-	-	5,643
Social and family services	52,533	90,855	102,251
Recreation and cultural services		-	5,260
	606,396	648,090	370,755
Net appropriations to reserves and the reserve fund	57,949	131,647	131,170
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR			
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	-	(7,626)	(5,146)
Unexpended capital financing (or capital operations not yet permanently financed)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(43,302)
	(150,000)	(157,626)	(48,448)
Total Applications During The Year	**11,249,688**	**11,297,690**	**12,714,248**

CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

1. The 1996 Financial Statements consolidate the operations, assets and liabilities of the the County of Haliburton and its local boards and municipal enterprises as follows:

   . Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home
   . Haliburton County Library Board

2. The above data has been extracted from the audited 1996 Financial Statements of the County. Copies of the 1996 Financial Statements and the auditor's report thereon, are available at the County's Offices to any resident who wishes to review or analyze the financial operations of the County in greater detail.

Notices • Notices

Municipality of Dysart et al

NOTICE

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared a portion of a shoreline road allowance in front of Part of Lot 2, in Concession V, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

NOW THEREFORE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to enact at its regular meeting to be held on Monday, June 9th, 1997, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey part of the said shoreline road allowance in front of Part Lot 2, in Concession V, in the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton.

WHICH SAID PARCEL or tract of land is illustrated and shown as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary reference plan, prepared by Paul Wilson, OLS, and dated March 30, 1997, being available for inspection in the office of the Planning Administrator at the Municipal Office in Haliburton, Ontario.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 25th day of April, 1997.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFORMING THE PUBLIC AND HEARING REPRESENTATION IN RESPECT OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al will hold a Public Meeting on

Monday, June 2nd, 1997 at 7:00 P.M.
at the Township Municipal Office

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting will be to consider a proposed amendment to Zoning By-law 77-32 of the Municipality of Dysart et al pursuant to the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13, as amended.

THE PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT is a general amendment to the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-law which will clarify and further define how buildings and structures with legal non-complying status can expand. By-law 77-32 guarantees that building and structures with legal non-complying status can be reconstructed, renovated and repaired. The proposed by-law will permit principal buildings and structures with legal non-complying status to expand by up to 50% of the area covered by the footprint of the original measurements of the said building or structure, as long as the total length does not exceed 20 meters (65.6 feet).

THE PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT affects all lands within the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al which are subject to the Municipality's Comprehensive Zoning By-law.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representations either in support of or in opposition to the proposed by-law.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al in respect of the proposed zoning by-law does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review at the Planning Department at the Municipal Offices during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 12th day of May, 1997.

Patricia E. Martin,
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Planning Administrator

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The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

BID SECURITY REQUIRED $1,000.00

MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

ROOF REPLACEMENT

Tenders are called for the replacement of the roof of the residence on Highway 121 and Oak Street

Tenders will be accepted at the Municipal Office, P.O. Box 389, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0

UNTIL NOON, FRIDAY, MAY 23, 1997

Details available at the Municipal Office

Donna L. McCallum,
Clerk-Administrator
705-457-1740

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Haliburton Highlands Community Transportation Steering Committee, with the financial assistance of the Community Transportation Action Program of the Ministry of Transportation, is embarking on an exciting community initiative.

The ultimate outcome will see an enhanced level of cross-sector coordination and better use of resources amongst participating local transportation providers.

The Steering Committee is currently seeking a third party to complete the extensive technical, analytical and consultative work involved in arriving at a consensus. Interested parties can obtain a copy of the full Request For Proposal document at the County Office in Minden or by calling (705) 286-1333.

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Notice of Liquor Licence Application

Ontario

The following establishment has applied to the Liquor Licence Board of Ontario for a liquor licence under the **Liquor Licence Act**:

Application For Additional Facilities
Birch Point Lodge
Lot 2 Conc 5 - City Road #18, Township of Dysart
Haliburton (outdoor area)

Any resident of the municipality may make written submission as to whether the issuance of the licence is in the public interest having regard to the needs and wishes of the residents. Submissions must be received no later than **June 14, 1997**. Please include your name, address and telephone number. If a petition is submitted to the Board, please identify the designated contact person.

Note: The LLBO gives the applicant copies of all objections.

Submissions to be sent to:
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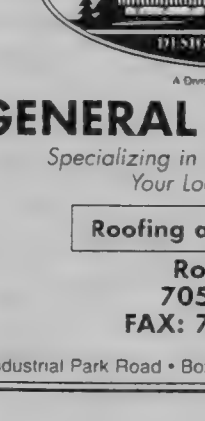
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HOME WORDS: Always buy best quality you can afford

This article is provided by local Realtors and the Ontario Real Estate Association (OREA) for the benefit of consumers in the real estate market.

One of the big advantages of buying a home is that you've suddenly got tons of room to put your 'stuff'. One of the pleasant disadvantages is that you're going to need a lot more 'stuff' to put in it!

Specifically, big-ticket items such as appliances, home electronics and computers are among the 'stuff' that can make your home truly enjoyable. Refrigerators, stoves, washers and dryers, computers, stereos and home theatres all fall into the big-ticket category. But, you have to be careful when buying - a lot of your hard-earned money is at stake.

Many new and resale homes on the market today include at least three of the five major appliances. Stoves, refrigerators and dishwashers are virtually standard equipment in most home sales. Close behind are washers and dryers and these may be included as well.

By far the two most popular appliance upgrades for homeowners are dishwashers and refrigerators. Dishwashers take an incredible pounding with daily use and need to be reliable and powerful..

Refrigerators are popular upgrades simply because family requirements differ. A refrigerator that suits one household quite well may be much too small for another.

Next in line for replacement are washers and dryers. The rule of thumb when buying appliances is that you get what you pay for. Nowhere does this apply more than with washers and dryers. With a mid- to high-end set costing between $1,200 and $1,500, wisdom dictates that you should avoid future hassles and get the best you can afford.

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Canoes, cash, crafts are all adrift in Dorset

DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

The first swimmer of the season is skilled canoeist Rev. Paul Morley who lives on the south shore of Kawagama Lake.

Upon returning from a canoe ride, Rev. Morley decided to do repair work on his dock from the canoe. No sooner had he decided to stand up in the canoe did he find himself taking an unexpected bath.

Congratulations to Larry and Thelma McGuire who won $10,000 with a Bingo scratch ticket that was purchased at the Huntsville Cigar Store.

Local artisans will be displaying their wares at an Arts and Crafts sale at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Vendor space is still available.

Speaker gives hope to the blind

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Myra Marshall and Kathleen Owens represented Maple Lake United Church at the spring UCW meeting held this year in Norland at the United Church.

A gathering of 75 people attended the fellowship lunch and heard Don Smith of Stouffville, speak on behalf of the Christian Blind Mission International.

Smith, who became blind at the age of 45, has also travelled to Haiti and India where he showed that he could overcome and live positively with his own blindness.

The mission's goal is to offer hope and dignity to people who are afflicted with blindness.

The annual Anglican deanery dinner was held on May 8 at the Moose Lodge in Lindsay.

About 300 were present at the lodge to welcome and to hear hockey legend Paul Henderson speak not only of his hockey life but of his vital spiritual life which began a few years after his prize-winning goal in Russia.

Local representatives at the dinner were Harry and Jean Randell, Don and Roberta Sanderson, Hughena Redner, Keith and Geraldine Harrison, Maraylene Welch, Betty Davies, Earl and I, George and Sylvia Claridge, and Barb, Wayne and Graeme Fawcett.

George Claridge was not only part of the band called "His Own" but performed in the skit called "Christian".

The bridal shower for Stephanie Bain was held at the community centre amongst many friends and relatives on May 8. We wish Stephanie and her fiance, John Beach, every happiness in their married life which begins with their wedding on May 31 in Haliburton at the United Church.

Joan and Dan Humeniuk have returned after a month in the beautiful island of St. Lucia.

Congratulations to Edina Loney of Minden on winning the $1,000 bingo at the centre on May 5.

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, INHABITANTS AND RATEPAYERS OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SNOWDON

We have examined the consolidated financial statements of the Corporation of the Township Of Snowdon for the year ended December 31, 1996 from which the accompanying summary financial statements have been prepared. We have reported on the consolidated financial statements without qualification on March 27, 1997. In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements fairly summarize the information contained in the consolidated financial statements upon which we have reported.

Humpage Taylor McDonald
Chartered Accountants, Peterborough, Ontario, March 27, 1997

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SNOWDON

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
At December 31, 1996

	1996 $	1995 $
ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED		
Cash	26,819	100
Taxes receivable	103,217	117,110
Accounts receivable	5,896	17,029
Other current assets	155	-
	136,087	134,239
RESTRICTED		
Cash	51,540	34,725
Due from revenue fund	300	9,284
	51,840	44,009
Capital Outlay Financed By Long Term Liabilities And To Be Recovered In Future Years	68,008	76,504
	255,935	**254,752**
LIABILITIES AND MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Bank indebtedness	-	15,025
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	37,325	13,438
Other current liabilities	-	1,213
Due to reserve funds	300	9,284
	37,625	38,960
Net Long Term Liabilities	68,008	76,504
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF THE YEAR		
To be used to offset taxation or user charges	15,970	17,787
Reserves	82,492	77,492
Reserve funds	51,840	44,009
	150,302	139,288
	255,935	**254,752**

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SNOWDON

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Budget 1996 $	Actual 1996 $	Actual 1995 $
SOURCES OF FINANCING:			
TAXATION AND USER CHARGES			
Residential and farm taxation	207,621	209,486	194,303
Commercial, industrial and business taxation	13,927	14,269	14,343
Taxation from other governments	1,400	1,653	1,588
User charges	16,870	21,472	23,980
GRANTS			
Government of Canada	-	-	5,178
Province of Ontario	96,537	94,997	113,810
OTHER			
Penalties and interest on taxes	13,000	18,657	15,935
Investment income	5,500	5,909	9,288
Contribution from developers	-	300	-
Sale of land	2,000	6,919	-
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR			
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	-	17,787	(2,759)
Total Financing Available During The Year	**356,855**	**391,449**	**375,666**

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SNOWDON

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

1. The 1996 Financial Statements consolidate the operations, assets and liabilities of the Township of Snowdon and its local boards and municipal enterprises.

2. **OPERATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON**

	School Boards $	County $
Taxation	463,855	84,618
Requisitions	465,263	84,578
Overlevies (underlevies) for the year	(1,408)	40
Overlevies (underlevies) at the beginning of the year	881	332
Overlevies (underlevies) at the end of the year	(527)	372

The revenues and expenditures are not reflected in the "Consolidated Statement of Operations". The net overlevies (underlevies) at the end of the year are reported as "other current liabilities" ("other current assets") on the "Consolidated Balance Sheet".

3. **MILL RATES**

	1996 Residential and Farm	1996 Commercial and Industrial	1995 Residential and Farm	1995 Commercial and Industrial
Township purposes	1,007	1,185	947	1,114
County purposes	380	447	387	454
School Board purposes	2,075	2,441	2,130	2,506
	3,462	4,073	3,464	4,074

4. The above data has been extracted from the audited 1996 Financial Statements of the Township. Copies of the 1996 Financial Statements and the auditor's report thereon, are available at the Township's Offices to any resident who wishes to review or analyze the financial operations of the Township in greater detail.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SNOWDON

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
For The Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Budget 1996 $	Actual 1996 $	Actual 1995 $
APPLIED TO:			
CURRENT OPERATIONS			
General government	111,705	122,370	110,665
Protection to persons and property	51,335	40,223	47,306
Transportation services	139,465	148,968	136,469
Environmental services	43,750	44,764	40,442
Recreation and cultural services	5,600	5,056	8,821
	351,855	361,401	343,703
CAPITAL OPERATIONS			
General government	-	-	10,720
Transportation services	-	-	4,880
Recreation and cultural services	-	1,247	-
	-	1,247	15,600
Net appropriation to (from) reserves and reserve funds	5,000	12,831	(1,424)
MUNICIPAL FUND BALANCE AT THE END OF THE YEAR			
To be used to offset (or to be recovered from) taxation or user charges	-	15,970	17,787
Total Applications During The Year	**356,855**	**391,449**	**375,666**

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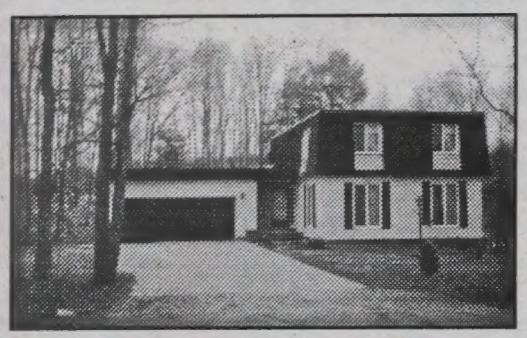

RESIDENTIAL GEM
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POWER OF SALE
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ESSON LAKE
3 bdrm backsplit, cathedral ceilings, wood airtight, full basement, full bath, 3 walkouts & great view. Reduced to $114,900

EAGLE LAKE
185' of shoreline, 3 bdrms, partial basement, ideal family location, insulated & electric heat. Reduced $105,600

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MINDEN VILLAGE HOME
Recently renovated inside and out. conveniently located right in the village. Large country kitchen. Main level laundry. 2 baths, 4 bedrooms. Attractively priced at just $69,900. Call Lynn Craigmyle to view.

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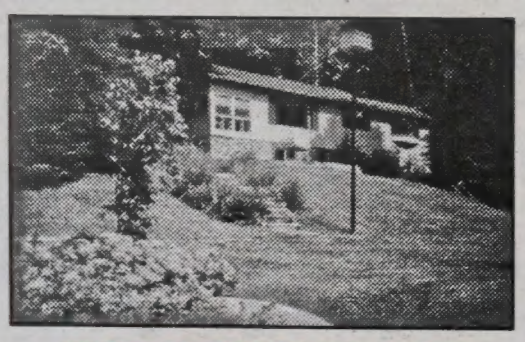

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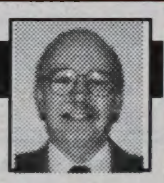

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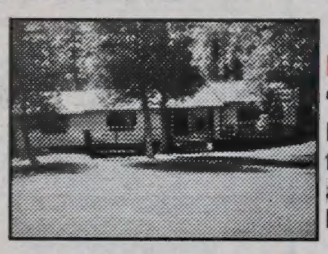

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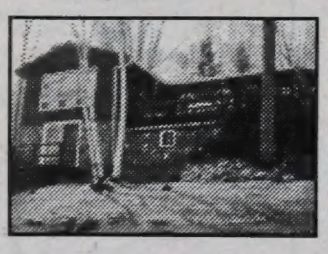

NEW LISTING
Eagle Lake
4 seasons of fun Alpine skiing, snowmobiling, fishing, sailing, rustic interior stone fireplace, boat house $179,900

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MOOSE LAKE
4 bedroom four seasons cottage on popular Moose Lake. Lots of decking for your outdoor enjoyment. List $149,250.

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